

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 04-187

DATE June 4, 2004

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT (WRP) GRANT FOR MACHADO LAKE

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Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept a grant of up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) from the California State Coastal Conservancy; subject to approval of the City Council by Resolution and the Mayor, for project development and preparation of environmental compliance documents for improvement of water quality and habitat in Machado Lake and the Wilmington Drain; and
2. Direct staff to transmit to the Mayor and the City Council, and to the City Attorney, the award acceptance and corresponding Resolution; and,
3. Authorize the General Manager, subsequent to necessary approvals, to execute the resulting grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments, thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8, et seq, as may be amended, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY:

The Department is requesting permission to accept a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for final project development and preparation of environmental compliance documents for improvement of water quality and habitat in Machado Lake and Wilmington Drain. On May 30, 2003, and in accordance with Section 14.6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Department notified the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, the Mayor, the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Council, that two proposals were submitted for selection to the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP) Work Plan. On October 6, 2003, the Department was notified that its request for \$300,000 to

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fund the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Machado Lake Native Habitat Restoration Project had been added to the agency's Work Plan and prioritized as a Tier 2 project (medium priority for consideration in 2004). On May 27, 2004, the State Coastal Conservancy authorized disbursement of up to \$300,000.00 to the Department for the Machado Lake project.

The source of the \$300,000.00 in Conservancy funds is an appropriation to the Conservancy from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40). Although not required, matching funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 are being provided as part of a one million dollar Proposition K grant awarded for improvement of water quality and water filtration at Machado Lake. Application for and acceptance of a grant to do environmental studies is exempt from CEQA compliance. These studies will include a Water Quality Study, Sediment Testing, a Bathymetric Survey, and Biological Assessments. A request for proposals to assist in the completion of the project's four components is currently under consideration by the Department's qualified as-needed consultants on contract and will be awarded by the end of June 2004.

The four components are:

- 1) Diagnostic-Feasibility Studies
- 2) Public Involvement Process
- 3) Lake Management Plan generated as a result of the first two components
- 4) Preparation of Environmental Documents.

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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