

DATE: November 23, 2015
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 10: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant extension for the Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop Project (RMC 13006)

PROGRAM AREA: Urban Lands
PROJECT TYPE: Planning/Development
JURISDICTION: City of Pico Rivera
PROJECT MANAGER: Luz Quinnell

RECOMMENDATION: That the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Board authorizes a grant agreement to extend the term of the agreement for the implementation of the Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop Project through June 30, 2017.

PROJECT'S DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the design and development of an approximately 6,500 square foot site, and trail enhancements across an additional 10,000 square foot area, along the San Gabriel River in the City of Pico Rivera. On-site improvements include seating, shade structure, viewing areas, a bike rack, a self-serve bicycle repair station, interpretive signage, fencing, and new native vegetation. Trail enhancement includes replacement or modification of fencing, graphic applications to asphalt surfacing of an existing bike path, and minor alteration to land to create a trail transition into the proposed development area.

BACKGROUND: The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) was awarded a matching grant (RMC13006) in the amount of \$30,000 to support a Natural Resources Agency Proposition 12 Grant for the Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop Project in 2013. The Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop Project will provide new urban passive recreation and park space, bike service amenities, and habitat along the San Gabriel River Trail. The project area is located west of I-605 adjacent to the southeastern bank of the San Gabriel River between San Gabriel River Parkway to the north and East Beverly Boulevard to the south. Access to the project site is available from the San Gabriel River Bike Path and San Gabriel River Trail. The WCA will develop park and amenities, including improvements for access from the existing bikeway trail on the Army Corps Levy.

The period of the grant agreement with RMC expires on December 30, 2015 and the WCA is requesting an extension for permit approvals, which is now expected to include an Army Corps 408 permit, please see Exhibit A. The WCA has previously requested and has received RMC Board approval to extend the grant agreement from February 2015 through December 2015. The limited impacts of the project and soft approvals of conceptual drawings had not previously identified the extent to which construction drawings and soil testing are required. Exhibit B includes the revised schedule through June 30, 2017.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The total grant amount will remain the same, not to exceed \$30,000. This matching funding is in support of a Natural Resources Agency Proposition 12 Grant in the amount of \$252,666.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: This grant was initially authorized by the RMC on November 25, 2013, as specified in Resolution 2013-17.



Exhibit A: WCA Letter Requesting Timeline Extension

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Luz Quinnell
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Mark Stanley

Dear Luz Quinnell,

RE: Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop Project Grant No. RMC13006

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is requesting an extension of this grant end date from December 31, 2015, to June 30, 2017.

The San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant for the amount of \$30,000 was allocated to increase and enhance open space on the San Gabriel River trail in Pico Rivera, including bike amenities, seating, and habitat. Unfortunately, this project has been delayed by changing standards of Los Angeles County Parks for trail access, and by the now expected permits and development of associated drawings to address Army Corps of Engineers levy impacts.

At this time the project is planned for completion within 18 months of the revised December 2015 completion date (timeline attached).

If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Johnathan Perisho at 626.815.1019 ext. 105.

Sincerely,

Brian Mejia
Chair

Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop Schedule (RMC 13006)

11/12/2015

	2015											2016											2017						
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	
Task 1 Stakeholder Meeting/ Planning Coordination	█									█	█			█		█													
Task 2 Site Analysis	█																												
Task 3 Concept Design	█																												
Task 4 Design Development		█								█	█																		
Task 5 WCA Board Meeting – Project Update			◆	◆	◆		◆				◆		◆		◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	
Task 6 Construction Drawings											█			█															
Task 7 Signage Development														█															
Task 8 Permitting and Entitlements	█											█																	
Task 9 Site Preparation/ Grading																		█											
Task 10 Construction Period								█												█									
Task 11 Planting																													
Task 12 End Construction										◆																			
Task 13 Punchlist										█																			
Task 14 Notice of Completion																												◆	
Task 15 Contingency and Plant Establishment Period																												█	
Task 16 Grand Opening to Public																												◆	
Task 17 Project Close-Out																												█	
Task 18 Close Out Grants																												◆	

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-24

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A
GRANT AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE
FOR THE CITRUS GROVE HEIGHTS BIKE STOP PROJECT (RMC13006).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Park Bond Act Proposition 40) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, That the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board authorizes a grant agreement to extend the term of the agreement for the implementation of the Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop Project through June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the grant is consistent with the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), which provides funds for the RMC grant program.

- 3. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 4. APPROVES a grant amendment to extend the timeline for RMC13006 Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop Project through June 30, 2017.
- 5. ADOPTS the staff report dated November 23, 2015.

~ End of Resolution ~

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on November 23, 2015

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General