

DATE: July 25, 2016

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 11: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the City of Los Alamitos for the Coyote Creek Improvements Project (RMC3318)

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributary Program

PROJECT TYPE: Development

JURISDICTION: City of Los Alamitos

PROJECT MANAGER: Luz Quinnell

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the City of Los Alamitos to amend the scope of work and extend the timeline through June 30, 2017 for the Coyote Creek Improvements Project (RMC3318).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This grant amendment will amend the scope of work to expand the project limits, extend the timeline through June 30, 2017 and will not change the grant amount of \$1,440,000.

BACKGROUND: The City of Los Alamitos had an opening for the improvements to the Coyote Creek Trail in July 2015. But due to the additional processing plans and approvals of the Joint Use Agreement through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) and the Corps of Engineers for additional improvements on the bike trail it has taken a year and a half for the City of Los Alamitos to receive their permit, please see Exhibit A, City of Los Alamitos Memo to Request a Grant Amendment.

The City of Los Alamitos is requesting to amend the scope of work to extend the project limits from south of Katella Ave to north of Carbon Canyon Creek, which will provide trail access point improvements including new sculptural/artistic gates, landscape improvements, wayfinding and interpretive graphics/features at two to four trailheads at the intersections of Katella Avenue and Willow Street, Oak Academy Park and Oak Street, Cerritos Avenue and Los Alamitos Blvd/Norwalk Blvd. Currently, the City of Los Alamitos received the Corps of Engineers permits on May 19, 2016 and the City of Los Alamitos will receive approvals for their Joint Use Agreement with LACDPW for the City of Los Alamitos long-term management and maintenance of the bike trail by the end of the calendar year, please see Exhibit B, Revised Tasklist and Timeline. The Cooperative Agreement will state the City of Los Alamitos will be responsible for the maintenance of the bike trail after the construction is complete. Once all the approvals are received, it will proposed the City of Los Alamitos will need three months to bid and award the project.

The goal and objective for the proposed project will transform underutilized Southern California Edison and Los Angeles County Flood Control rights of way adjacent to the Coyote Creek on the west, and bordered by Orange County Flood control property on the east, into a passive recreation parkway, including landscaping and multi-use trails for pedestrian and cyclist use, as well as a rest area for bicyclists using the adjacent Coyote Creek Regional Bike Trail.

Landscaping will be composed of native plants as much as possible with consideration to SCE constraints and the walkways will be composed primarily of decomposed granite. The project will retain all run-off onsite, and allow for collection of storm water runoff back into the groundwater table. The signage will include interpretive and way-finding elements, including a map of the Coyote Creek bike trail and its location in the San Gabriel River Watershed. The proposed timeline has been revised to ensure that the grant funds are expended within the current bond funding authorization. The improvements will be in compliance with SCE and the flood control districts constraints as required.

Please see Exhibits A and B for a revised scope of work and a revised tasklist and timeline.

FISCAL INFORMATION: There is currently no change to the total grant value of \$1,440,000.

Although the current funding source for this project is allocated from Proposition 40, it may be necessary to amend the funding source in order to maximize the availability of cash from the sale of bond funds. Therefore, the Executive Officer may designate any of the following funding sources for this project: California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) and/or the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), and/or the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

The recommended action is consistent with the following Public Resources Code Sections:

Prop 40: The California State Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b) and 5066.650(b)(6) provide that: (b) The sum of four hundred forty-five million dollars (\$445,000,000) to the conservancies in accordance with the particular provisions of the statute creating each conservancy for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources; for grants and state administrative costs; and in accordance with the following schedule...

Section 5096.650(b)(6) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy\$40,000,000.

Prop 50: The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for protection of the San Gabriel and lower Los Angeles River watersheds pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600) of the Public Resources Code.

Prop 84: Section 75050. The sum of nine hundred twenty-eight million dollars (\$928,000,000) shall be available for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with the following schedule:... (g) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the following schedule:

(1) Thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600).....

75060. The sum of five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) shall be available for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, in accordance with the following schedule:....

(3) To the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.....fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: This grant was initially authorized by the RMC on June 20, 2005 in the amount of \$1,440,000 to the City of Los Alamitos under Resolution 2005-34 and further amend in RMC Resolutions 2005-97; 2008-43; 2009-16; 2009-24, 2011-21, and 2012-06.

Exhibit A: City of Los Alamitos Memo to Request a Grant Amendment



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June 28, 2016

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Subject: City of Los Alamitos-Coyote Creek Project Grant Extension

Dear Mr. Stanley:

The City of Los Alamitos is hereby requesting an extension to June 30, 2017, for the Coyote Creek Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant.

The City has completed the construction of Coyote Creek and we have been processing plans through Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) and the Corps of Engineers to repave the bike trail along the Coyote Creek Channel that is owned by Los Angeles County. After a year and a half working with the Corps of Engineers we finally received their permit. The LACDPW approved the bike trail design over a year ago.

The last step to get a construction permit from LACDPW is the Cooperative Agreement between Los Angeles County and the City of Los Alamitos which they wouldn't even start the process until after the Corps of Engineers environmental and construction permits was received. The City received the Corps of Engineers permits on May 19, 2016. The Cooperative Agreement will state the City of Los Alamitos will be responsible for the maintenance of the bike trail after the construction is complete. The City should receive the Cooperative Agreement next week. It will take between two and three months to process between the City and the County. In addition, it will take the City three months to bid and award the project, one month to build the project and two months to close out the project. The City will bid the project during the Cooperative Agreement process but not award until the final approval from LACDPW to save time.

The existing bike path will be repaved from south of Katella Ave to the northern City Limits just north of Carbon Canyon Creek, and will provide trail access point improvements including new sculptural/artistic gates, landscape improvements, wayfinding and interpretive graphics/features at two to four trailheads (Katella Ave/Willow St, Oak Academy Park/Oak St, Cerritos Ave and Los Alamitos Blvd/Norwalk Blvd).

Sincerely,
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS


Bret M. Plumlee
City Manager

cc: David Hunt, City Engineer

**Coyote Creek Open Space Park – Los Alamitos Improvement Project
Revised Project Time Line (7-8-16)**

<u>Task</u>	<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Site Control	Secure adequate tenure from SCE and Orange County Flood Control District	2/1/05	3/28/13
Public Outreach	Partnering Meeting with Stakeholders, including RMC, SCE, and Orange County Flood Control District; Outreach meetings with community, adjacent property owners and School District.	3/1/05	11/28/14
Design Documents Phase I	Conceptual Plans	5/15/05	7/1/08
Design Documents Phase II	Construction & Bid Documents	7/15/08	3/29/13
Environmental Assessment	Completion of Environmental Studies and Documentation (Completed)	6/15/05	8/1/05
Construction	Development of Project Site & Maintenance Period	6/10/13	11/28/14
Winter Planting	Planting Winter Plants and Seeds	12/1/14	12/31/14
Bike Trail Permits	LACDPW and Corps of Engineers Permits /Cooperative Agreement	10/22/14	8/15/16
Bike Trail Repaving	Construction	9/9/16	10/15/16
Bike Path Interpretive & Way-Finding Graphic and Decorative Gates	Design	9/1/16	11/16/16

Exhibit B: Revised Tasklist and Timeline

Graphics and Gates	Permits	11/16/16	1/11/17 ^{Item 11}
Interpretive & Way-finding	Bidding	1/11/17	2/20/17
Graphics and Decorative	Gates		
Interpretive & Way-finding	Fabrication	2/20/17	4/20/17
Graphics and Decorative	Gates		
Interpretive & Way-finding	Construction	4/20/17	5/19/17
Graphics and Decorative	Gates		
Project Monitoring	City Staff monitors Consultant's work and progress, and prepares final report (On-Going)	3/1/05	6/30/17

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE SCOPE OF WORK AND EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS COYOTE CREEK LOS ALAMITOS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RMC3318)

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, 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, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; 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 actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

- 3. APPROVES a grant amendment authorizing a grant amendment to the City of Los Alamitos to amend the scope of work and extend the timeline through June 30, 2017 for the Coyote Creek Improvements Project (RMC3318).
- 4. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 25, 2016.

~ 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 July 25, 2016.

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General