

# Agenda Report



**Date:** January 12, 2016  
**To:** Jeffrey W. Collier, City Manager  
**From:** Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
**Subject:** Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Application for Lee Owens Park

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the City Council rescind Resolution No. 8744 and adopt an amended resolution authorizing a grant application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Lee Owens Park Improvement Project.

## **BACKGROUND**

At its December 8, 2015 meeting, City Council approved Resolution No. 8744 authorizing a grant application for the Lee Owens Park Improvement Project. The resolution title was incorrect and it is recommended the City Council approve an amended resolution with the correct title (Attachment A).

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has funds available for water quality and related recreation projects from the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1). This measure provides funding to implement the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan which are more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration.

## **DISCUSSION**

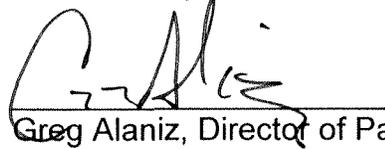
Lee Owens Park located at 7930 Greenleaf Avenue is approximately 1.3 acres in size. Park amenities include picnic tables, play equipment restrooms, lighted basketball courts and a spray zone. The park is well utilized by Whittier residents.

Park improvements eligible for the RMC grant include renovation of the spray zone to recirculate water; expansion; and installation of a robust storm water capture system. Conceptual design is underway now to determine what elements would be viable for the park and would be competitive for grant consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact at this time. The project budget is in development and it is anticipated that the RMC grant and matching funds would substantially cover the cost of improvements. The City Council would consider the detailed fiscal impact of the project at the time of a grant award, if any such award is made.

Submitted by:



Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Attachment: A – Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 8744 AND APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014 (PROPOSITION 1) FOR THE LEE OWENS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program;

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures;

WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California for the Lee Owens Park Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program for the Lee Owens Improvement Project under the water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1).

SECTION 2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs (or if it is not, that the project is still approved).

SECTION 3. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the goals of Proposition 1 including multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities.

SECTION 4. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project.

SECTION 5. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies in the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program Guidelines.

SECTION 6. Appoints the City Manager as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

SECTION 7. Resolution No. 8744 is rescinded in its entirety.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

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FERNANDO DUTRA, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KATHRYN A. MARSHALL  
City Clerk-Treasurer