

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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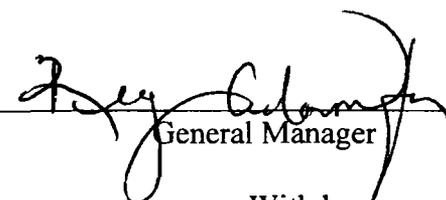
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SUBJECT: WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE - AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND RECREATION HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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 General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the submission of a grant proposal for \$184,500, for the White Point Nature Preserve, under the Habitat Conservation Fund competitive grant program, subject to approval by the City Council and Mayor approval, and,
2. Direct staff to submit to City Council for adoption, the required resolution substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, certifying the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks as the person authorized to obligate the grantee and execute all contractual documents of the kind required by the State of California Habitat Conservation Fund.

SUMMARY:

The State of California Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program allocates approximately \$2 million per year to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide grants to local entities to protect fish, wildlife, and plant resources, to acquire or develop wildlife corridors and trails, and to provide for nature interpretation programs and other programs which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas.

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On February 22, 2002, the Department entered into a 25-year Operating Agreement (Board Report No. 01-371) with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to oversee the implementation of the White Point Nature Preserve Master Plan (Master Plan) at the White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro. The Master Plan seeks to restore the natural wildlife and habitat systems at the White Point Nature Preserve, pursue land use development improvements that will promote accessibility and educational opportunities to the public, and create programming that will inspire visitor appreciation of the ecological, historical and cultural significance of the White Point Nature Preserve.

PVPLC is scheduled to complete the Master Plan natural wildlife habitat restoration objectives and land use development improvements, through the adaptive reuse of the Historic World War II Nike Missile launch building and site into a Nature Preserve Center and Native Plant Demonstration Garden, by November 2009. PVPLC now seeks funding for program operations, scheduled to commence in April 2010, that will provide educational opportunities to visitors and allow for appreciation of the White Point Nature Preserve, as outlined below. These programs will fund two onsite naturalists, provide Nature University Programs which include after-school programs, a Volunteer Outdoor Stewardship Program, Health and Wellness workshops and hikes, as well as School-Based Environmental Education Programs targeting children at grades K-5.

	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL COST	3-YEAR COST
1	Onsite Naturalist Staff (2 part time staff members)	\$45,000	\$135,000
2	Nature University Programs – Includes LA Conservation Corp After-school program, Volunteer Outdoor Stewardship Program and Equipment Cost for Health and Wellness Workshops and Hikes	\$48,000	\$144,000
3	School Based Environmental Education Programs – Includes 3 rd Grade Naturalist Program for 3 schools, Science Students as Stewards Program (S ³) for K-5 students and Professional Development Program for Docents and Staff.	\$30,000	\$90,000
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$123,000	\$369,000
	PVPLC 50% MATCHING CONTRIBUTION	\$61,500	\$184,500
	REQUESTED GRANT AMOUNT		\$184,500

The Department is requesting a total grant amount of \$184,500, to cover programming costs for a 3-year period, for the aforementioned programs. An equal amount of matching funds will be provided by the PVPLC.

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The Board is requesting retroactive approval to submit the grant application. The application was prepared and submitted on October 1, 2009, on behalf of the Department by the PVPLC, which did not afford staff sufficient time to obtain Board approval to submit the application prior to the application deadline.

It is also requested that staff be directed to obtain the necessary Council Resolution, as required by the grant program. Staff will forward the Council Resolution to the State upon Council approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund for implementation of these programs.

This report was prepared by Jason Lew, Management Analyst II, Grants Administration.