



DATE: June 23, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Neighborhood Services Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE PROPOSITION 84 NATURE EDUCATION FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE EL CORAZON HABITAT TRAIL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application to the Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities grant program for funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the El Corazon Habitat Trail, and authorize the City Manager to execute all grant application documents.

BACKGROUND

The City Council took action to approve the El Corazon Specific Plan on June 3, 2009, and adopted an ordinance ratifying this action on June 17, 2009. The El Corazon Oversight Committee has repeatedly requested staff to look into possibilities to expedite trail development within the El Corazon Habitat District.

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. Funding of the Nature Education Facilities Program is being administered in a single round of funding by the California Department of Parks and Recreation with a submission date of July 1, 2010.

ANALYSIS

The purpose of the El Corazon Specific Plan is as a regulatory tool in guiding the development of the Specific Plan Area; the El Corazon Property. An Environmental

Impact Report has been adopted by the City Council and completes the environmental requirements at the project level for the Habitat Trail Phase 1 development.

The Habitat Trail is located in the Habitat District and is declared an allowable land use per Chapter 2., Section A.1.e. of the Specific Plan document. The project will develop facilities for phase 1 of the El Corazon Habitat Trail development to include a parking lot and staging area closest to the current green waste facility entrance at Oceanside Boulevard, development of a nature trail along the current SDG&E easement, installation of trail fencing and signage, and installation of educational kiosks and seating areas.

The City of Oceanside is an eligible applicant to Proposition 84 Nature education Facilities grant program and the project is an eligible project under the grant guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities grant program does not require a match from the applicant. The general fund will not be impacted by the development project; the grant budget will include final design, project construction, project management, and grant management.

Upon completion of the project, the City will be required to have appropriate funds available for the operation and maintenance of a habitat trail through the Public Works and Neighborhood Services Department budgets. All efforts will be made to form collaborations with local agencies for implementing potential docent programs, trail maintenance, and education programs through in-kind volunteer services. The anticipated cost to the general fund for the operation and maintenance of a habitat trail is approximately \$5,000 per mile of trail, annually.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff's recommendation to submit the El Corazon Habitat Trail as a project for the Nature Education Facilities grant program was discussed with the El Corazon Oversight Committee at its regular meeting on May 24, 2010. The committee was in agreement with pursuing the grant funds for the project as recommended by staff.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

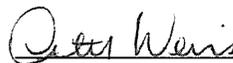
RECOMMENDATION

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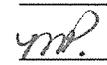
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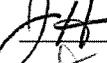
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Attachments: Resolution for Application to Proposition 84

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR NATURE
4 EDUCATION FACILITY PROGRAM, SAFE DRINKING
5 WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD
6 CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT
OF 2006 GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$2,500,000 FOR THE EL CORAZON HABITAT TRAIL
PROJECT

7 WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the
8 responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Nature
9 Education Facilities Program, setting up necessary procedures governing applications for
10 program grant funding;

11 WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and
12 Recreation require each applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before
13 submission of said application to the State; and

14 WHEREAS, if approved for grant funding, the City of Oceanside will enter into a
15 contract with the State of California to complete the El Corazon Habitat Trail project (the
16 "Project").

17 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

18 SECTION 1. The City of Oceanside certifies that it has or will have available, prior to
19 commencement of any work on the Project included in this application, the sufficient funds to
20 complete the Project.

21 SECTION 2. The City of Oceanside certifies that the applicant has or will have
22 sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project.

23 SECTION 3. The City of Oceanside certifies that the applicant has reviewed,
24 understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant
25 Administration Guide.

26 SECTION 4. The City of Oceanside certifies that the Project is consistent with the
27 applicable city or county, or appropriate planning document.

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1 SECTION 5. The City of Oceanside delegates the authority to the City Manager to
2 conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to
3 applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the
4 completion of the grant scope.

5 SECTION 6. The City of Oceanside agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state
6 and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

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8 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
9 this _____ day of _____, 2010 by the following vote:

10 AYES:

11 NAYS:

12 ABSENT:

13 ABSTAIN:

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17 Mayor Of The City Of Oceanside

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19 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 _____
22 City Clerk

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24 _____
25 City Attorney