

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: APRIL 26, 2006
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER
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SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-1409; APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A STATE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT TO CONSTRUCT EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

During the City Council meeting on April 26, 2005, Council directed staff to apply for a State "Land and Water Conservation" grant in attempt to expand the equestrian trail network within the City. Unfortunately, last October, the City learned it had not been awarded any funds for this highly competitive grant.

Staff has been notified of a second phase of funding for this grant by the State and requests approval to proceed with the process of completing the application so that it can be submitted prior to the May 1, 2006 deadline. The grant request will be for a total of \$50,000 and requires an equal matching amount to be funded by the City. Therefore, if the City is successful with this competitive grant, \$100,000 would be dedicated to expanding our equestrian trail network. In addition, staff is requesting City Council approval of the attached resolution that must accompany the application.

Staff has been working with the Old Agoura Home Owners Association (OAHOA) on this project. It is estimated that approximately 2/3 mile of equestrian trail could be constructed with these funds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 06-1409 authorizing the application for a State Land and Water Conservation grant to construct equestrian trails.

Attachment: Resolution No. 06-1409