

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE: MAY 13, 2009**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER**

**BY: LOUIS CELAYA, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-1524; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT'S 2009 COMPETITIVE NATURAL LAND FOR TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

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The City of Agoura Hills has received notification from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District regarding the availability of 2.2 million dollars of grant funding for the Competitive Natural Land for Trails Grant Program for projects in the Santa Monica Mountains Third Supervisorial District. The announcement is a call for proposed projects that will be consistent with the trails component of the Los Angeles County General Plan (the Los Angeles County Trails Master Plan). Applicants can request a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 in grant funding, with priority being given to proposals that demonstrate a viable trails proposal and resource protection.

This is same grant funding opportunity the City used in 2006 to secure funding for the open space acquisition of the Yerba Buena Property at the end of Reyes Adobe Road. At the April 22 2009, City Council meeting, the Council discussed the probability of utilizing this funding source for construction of Chesebro Road Trail, as the trail was identified as the second highest priority by the Old Agoura Equestrian Use and Trails Committee, due to the amount of traffic along the narrow street, in addition to the committee's desire to have a connector trail to the Old Agoura Park horse arena. Any potential trails would also be useful for those walking or jogging, due to non-existent sidewalks in the Old Agoura area.

At the April 22, 2009 meeting, the City Council approved the participation in the grant program, however directed staff to return and discuss funding options to complete the project should the City be the recipient of a grant award. Should the City be successful in securing the grant, construction would be required to be completed within three (3) years of the date of the execution of the grant agreement.

Participation in the grant requires a completion of a application package and a resolution from the agency's governing body authorizing participation in the grant program and designating an authorized representative to negotiate and execute all necessary documents. The resolution must be submitted with the application package on or before May 28, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends approval of Resolution No. 09-1524; authorizing participation in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's 2009 Competitive Natural Land for Trails Grant program and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents associated with the program.

Attachments: Resolution No. 09-1524

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-1524**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS FOR THE CHESEBRO ROAD TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which, among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

**WHEREAS**, the District's procedures require the City of Agoura Hills to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, said application contains assurances that City of Agoura Hills must comply with; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Agoura Hills will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS HEREBY:**

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for \$200,000 in Third Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that the City of Agoura Hills understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the City of Agoura Hills has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the City Manager, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements,

amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 13th day of May, 2009, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:           ( )  
NOES:           ( )  
ABSTAIN:       ( )  
ABSENT:        ( )

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Denis Weber, Mayor

Attest:

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Kimberly Rodrigues, City Clerk