

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: APRIL 14, 2010

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 10-1580 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

In 2006, California voters passed the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). Proposition 84 added Division 43, Chapter 9, Section 75065(a) to the Public Resources Code, authorizing the Legislature to appropriate \$70 million for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. The purpose of the chapter includes reducing urban communities' contribution to global warming and increasing their adaptability to climate change while improving the quality of life in those communities.

Additionally, in September 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SB 732, creating the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), a cabinet level committee that is tasked with coordinating the activities of state agencies to improve air and water quality, protect natural resource and agriculture lands, increase the availability of affordable housing, improve infrastructure systems, and promote public health. The SGC was also charged with managing and awarding financial assistance to cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations for the preparation, planning, and implementation of urban greening projects. In March, the SGC announced the availability of Urban Greening Grants, whose purpose is to assist applicants with urban greening plans and projects.

There is approximately \$63 million available within the Urban Greening Grants program, with the first phase of funding (FY 2010-11) earmarked at approximately \$15.2 million. There will be three funding cycles, as stated by the SGC, that are tentatively scheduled to continue annually, pending funding availability. For the first funding cycle, there are no minimum or maximum grant request amounts established, and no matching funds are required. Applications for grant funding are due on April 30, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., and require a resolution authorizing participation in the grant program.

City staff is proposing to submit a phased street-greening median project on Reyes Adobe Road. The first phase will be from Thousand Oaks Boulevard to Canwood Street. The project will consist of new median construction with bio retention devices, underground infiltration chambers, rainwater harvesting, cisterns for capturing rainwater and for irrigation use; and a drip irrigation system for Reyes Adobe Park and/or the Reyes Adobe Historical Site, along with drought-tolerant native species planting. The bio-retention feature will include a landscape feature that will be placed upstream from existing storm drain facilities to assist with water quality improvements. This is a multi-beneficial environmental project as it contains water conservation, water quality improvement, traffic calming components to it, while also encouraging pedestrian friendly mobility to neighboring commercial businesses on Canwood St. It also continues to re-enforce the City Council's commitment to moving forward with its sustainable community message. Phase 1 of the project is estimated to cost approximately \$ 2.8 million, and implementation is contingent upon the City being awarded grant funding from the SGC. Staff will also attempt to explore other funding resources (e.g., Call for Projects, Federal, and State) to help complete the project, should only partial funding be awarded by the SGC.

The attached resolution authorizes the City's participation in the grant program, and authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents associated with the grant program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 10-1580 approving the application for grant funds for the Urban Greening Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), and direct the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all documents associated with the grant program.

Attachment: Resolution No. 10-1580
 Reyes Adobe Green Street Project

RESOLUTION NO: 10-1580

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program referred to above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project

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

1. Approves the filing of an application for grant funds for the Urban Greening Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), for the Reyes Adobe Street Greening Project.
2. Certifies the applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application.
3. Certifies the applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so.
4. Certifies the applicant will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds.
5. If applicable, certifies the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained.

6. Certifies the applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety, as included in Government Code Section 65041.1., and
7. Appoints the City Manager, or his or her designee, 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 aforementioned project(s).

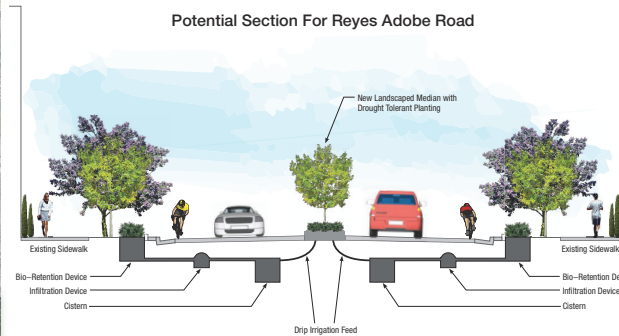
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 14th day of April 2010 by the following vote to wit:

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

William D. Koehler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC
City Clerk



Reyes Adobe Green Street Project

The project will include the construction of medians, bio-retention devices, underground infiltration chambers, rain-water harvesting, cisterns for irrigation, and a drip irrigation system for Reyes Adobe Park and a one-mile segment of Reyes Adobe Road from Lake Lindero Drive to Canwood Street. The bio-retention devices will include a landscape feature and be placed upstream from existing Los Angeles County storm drainage facilities along Reyes Adobe Road. The bio-retention areas will drain to the underground infiltration chambers that will be utilized to infiltrate the volume generated from the first flush storm. Additional runoff will then be routed to a rain-water harvesting system to store water to be used in a solar-powered drip irrigation system for the landscaped medians. A diversion structure will be constructed near Reyes Adobe Park to divert flow to an underground infiltration area and cistern to be used for irrigation for the park.

Project Benefits

- Reduce runoff from the overall watershed reaching the Pacific Ocean.
- Remove pollutants from the runoff generated from the first flush, which is the most polluted runoff developed from a storm.
- Add landscape area for the medians and bio-retention devices and reduce impervious surface area.
- Calm traffic due to the construction of landscaped medians.
- Add jobs for design, construction and maintenance of the improvements.
- Recharge groundwater.

Project Goals

- Treat and/or infiltrate the first flush storm within the limits of the proposed improvements.
- Remove pollutants such as sediments, fuels, oils, solvents, nutrients, and metals.
- Reduce water usage for median irrigation
- Greening of the street to make the street more attractive to pedestrians and bicyclist.

Quick Look

City of Agoura Hills Reyes Adobe Green Street Project

Timing and Schedule:

The schedule of the project is contingent upon receiving appropriate funding.

Anticipated Project Cost:

Total Cost:	\$5,500,000
Phase 1:	\$2,800,000
Phase 2:	\$2,700,000

