

**RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 30, 2008

TO: General Manager

FROM: Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Approving the Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund, Chumash Park Development Project

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors authorize staff to submit an application under the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program for funds to help develop Chumash Park. The District's 10-Year Capital Improvement Program identifies Chumash Park as a priority project with an estimated cost of \$2,800,000. The permitting and design phase for this park is currently underway, and construction is anticipated to begin in FY 2009-10.

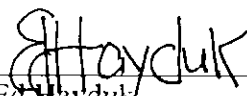
The LWCF is a federal program which is awarded annually, and the funds allocated to California are administered by the State Department of Parks and Recreation. The types of projects that are eligible for this program include the development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. An emphasis is placed on the development of trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas and cultural areas for recreational use, and includes support facilities such as lighting, parking and restrooms.

Sixty percent of the State's allocation of funds for this round of grants will be distributed to Southern California projects, and forty percent will be distributed to Northern California. The deadline to submit the grant application is March 3, 2008. Staff anticipates that the grant will be for \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact to the District associated with the filing of this application.

Board Action Requested:

That the Board approve the Resolution of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Approving the Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund, Chumash Park Development Project.



Ed Hayduk
Assistant General Manager

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RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND CHUMASH PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing Applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Applications and the availability of eligible Matching funds prior to submission of said Applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Chumash Park Development Project is consistent with the most recent *California Outdoor Recreation Plan* (CORP); and

WHEREAS, the Project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
3. Certifies that the Project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and
4. Appoints the General Manager as agent of the Applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, Applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

Approved and Adopted on the 7th day of February, 2008.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors following a roll call vote:

Ayes
Noes
Absent

Larry Peterson, District Clerk