

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: July 13, 2010

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert W. Greene, Director, Parks, Recreation and Arts

Subject: **Application for Grant Funding to Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Construction of a Memorial Wall at American Heroes Park**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 10-53**, approving the application for a grant for the construction of a memorial wall at American Heroes Park with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Fiscal Impact:

None as a direct result of this action.

Background:

A property exchange agreement was executed in December 1999 for identical parcels which aligned the Prime Desert Woodland Preserve site. According to stipulations in Grant No. 58E9-94-0014, the property acquired with Proposition A funds was required to be kept in perpetuity.

In August 2000, Lancaster City Council initialed an amendment to the General Plan to reconfigure the Prime Desert Woodland boundaries to coincide with the new acquisition plan including the parcel exchange. At public hearing, December 2000, City Council adopts Resolution No. 00-317 approving the 2000 General Plan Amendment No 00-06 to realign the Prime Desert Woodland based, in part on the parcel exchange.

Notification of the parcel exchange to the County was not executed at the time of the land transfer. In compliance with Proposition A requirements, it was necessary to adopt a resolution in December 2009 to ensure the transaction resulted in an exchange of equally valued property to be held in perpetuity by the City.

As a result of this dispute, the City of Lancaster was required to reimburse the county for the difference in value between the two parcels. The City subsequently reimbursed the County a total of \$25,000 once the parcels were re-appraised. As a stipulation of that settlement the County will re-allocate \$17,000 of the \$25,000 for a similarly eligible project. The grant application attached, requesting \$17,000 in grant funding, proposes construction of a memorial wall to honor fallen military, police and fire personnel at American Heroes Park. This act is done in compliance with Los Angeles County Proposition A enabling legislation related to the settlement of the disputed land transfer regarding the Prime Desert Woodland Preserve boundaries in Lancaster, California.

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Attachment:

Resolution No. 10-53