

RESOLUTION NO. 16-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE 5TH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2016 EXCESS FUNDS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR PRIME DESERT WOODLAND PRESERVE EXPANSION AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

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 City of Lancaster 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 Lancaster must comply with; and

WHEREAS, City of Lancaster certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

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

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that the City of Lancaster understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the City of Lancaster has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Certifies that the City of Lancaster will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (Exhibit A); and
6. 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 December, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

BRITT AVRIT, CMC
City Clerk
City of Lancaster

R. REX PARRIS
Mayor
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF LANCASTER)

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
CITY COUNCIL

I, _____, _____ City of Lancaster, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 16-55, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this _____ day of _____, _____.

(seal)

Exhibit A
CITY OF LANCASTER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN
Prime Desert Woodland Preserve Expansion

Project Description:

The proposed project includes the expansion of Prime Desert Woodland (the Preserve) as well the acquisition of 20.32 acres, adjacent to the Preserve. Currently, the Preserve spans 100 acres and features nearly three miles of trails open to the public daily; providing a scenic, natural habitat. A unique riparian habitat within the Preserve benefits both bird and animal life by increasing the diversity of food sources and providing dense covering for nesting and is also one of the best areas to observe birds as they perch or forage for food.

Scope of Work:

The *Scope of Work* for this project includes the procurement of 20.32 acres and additional capital improvements, allowing for the expansion and enhancement of the Preserve, to remain as a natural habitat for both bird and animal life. Such improvements include trails, fencing and landscaping ensuring the protection of Joshua Trees, California Junipers, and habit for endangered or sensitive species, and other natural areas of regional significance. Assuring the Antelope Valley communities (and beyond) have expanded access to thriving park systems and biological, educational presentations and programs.

The nature of the construction requires that all work be performed by skilled laborers; therefore, this project will not be appropriate for the employment of at-risk youth.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:	NONE
Estimated Cost of youth employment:	NONE
Method of employing youth:	NONE