

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: October 28, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Application for Grant Funds from the Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 08-87**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program for the following project: Amargosa Creek Pathway.

Background:

The Planning Department, in cooperation with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Arts, and the Department of Public Works, is interested in submitting a grant application to the State Resources Agency under the "Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program". The application requires that the City Council adopt a resolution stating that the public agency is sponsoring this project in conjunction with a local community co-sponsor (the Antelope Valley Committee of the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society), addressing CEQA concerns, and appointing a person to act as Project Manager.

If the application is approved, the City could receive up to \$1,000,000 towards the habitat restoration of the Amargosa Creek. This project is designed to reduce flooding and erosion, re-establish and enhance riparian habitat, encourage community stewardship, and provide educational and recreational opportunities. This project is in conformance with the Master Plan and Design Guidelines for the Amargosa Creek Pathway as approved by the City Council in October 1996 and November 2001.

Preparation of the application is in progress and will be required to be submitted to the State Resources Agency by November 12, 2008.

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Attachment:

Resolution No. 08-87