EXECUTIVE OFFICE – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ENTRY

DATE OF MEETING:	4/17/2012
DEPARTMENT NAME:	REGIONAL PLANNING
BOARD LETTERHEAD	DEPARTMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	3RD AND 4TH DISTRICTS
VOTES REQUIRED	3-VOTES
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION	APPROVE ( ) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION ( ) DISAPPROVE ( )

* * * * ***ENTRY MUST BE IN MICROSOFT WORD*** * * * *

Instructions: To comply with the Brown Act requirement the reader should fully understand what the department is asking the Board to approve. The recommendation must describe what the action is for; with whom the action is being taken; fiscal impact, including money amounts, funding sources, and effective dates. Also, include an instruction for the Chair(man) or Director to sign when such signature is required on a document.

Recommendation: Authorize the Director of Regional Planning to accept and disburse grant funds awarded under the federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program. The County is eligible to receive and administer an estimated $1,500,000 in funds from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, which will be used by the Departments of Beaches and Harbors, Public Works and Regional Planning to mitigate the impacts of oil- and gas-production activities occurring off the Los Angeles County coast.

Adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Planning, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents to accept the California Coastal Impact Assistance Program grants, to disburse the grant funds to the Departments of Public Works and Beaches and Harbors as required, and to act as lead agent for the County when conducting business with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on any and all matters related to these grants.

Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

Richard J. Bruckner
Director

April 17, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACCEPTING FUNDS UNDER THE COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 4) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Regional Planning to accept and disburse grant funds awarded under the federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the acceptance of grant funding of up to $1.5 million from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the Department of Beaches and Harbors' Will Rogers State Beach Coastline Project, the Department of Public Works' Oxford Retention Basin Multi-Use Enhancement Project, the Department of Public Works' Marina del Rey Parking Lots 5 and 7 Water Quality Enhancement Projects, and the Department of Regional Planning's Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program Periodic Review Project.

2. Authorize the Director of Regional Planning, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents to accept the California's Coastal Impact Assistance Program grants for the purposes of funding the listed projects, to disburse the grant funds to the Departments of Public Works and Beaches and Harbors as required, and to act as lead agent for the County when conducting business with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on any and all matters related to these grants.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendation will enable the Department of Regional Planning to accept grants from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to fund projects in Marina del Rey and Will Rogers State Beach to improve public safety and access to the coast and to improve water quality in coastal waters.

The California Resources Agency (Resources Agency) was designated by the federal government to administer California's portion of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). Regional Planning was designated by the Resources Agency to serve as the County liaison with the federal government for all CIAP-related questions or issues. Regional Planning coordinates the discussion of project proposals between each Department, prepares needed Board Letters for submission, submits all County grant applications and other materials to either the USFWS or Resources Agency as necessary, and will be responsible for accepting and disbursing all grant awards to the recipient Department. Originally, CIAP was administered by the Minerals Management Service; administration of the Program has since been transferred to the USFWS.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Project proposals submitted by the Departments of Beaches and Harbors, Public Works, and Regional Planning promote the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). These projects provide the public with beneficial and responsive community services.

Participation in the CIAP promotes the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4). Utilizing CIAP funds to assist in the completion of these projects strengthens the County's fiscal capacity by reducing the County's own financial obligation, while improving public infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Participation in the CIAP and implementation of the project proposals will not result in any new significant costs to the Departments of Beaches and Harbors, Public Works, or Regional Planning. The projects included in the proposals were already considered by the County prior to learning that CIAP funding was available. Each Department will be responsible for administering any grant received under the CIAP using existing County staff. Administering the grants will not result in additional net County costs; therefore, a request for financing is not being made at this time.

The State requires that each proposal include a ten percent non-federal match. The Departments propose to use County of Los Angeles General and/or Flood Fund monies to satisfy the match requirement.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CIAP authorizes the federal government to disburse funds to Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil- and gas-producing states and coastal political subdivisions (i.e., counties or parishes) for projects to mitigate the impacts of OCS oil- and gas-production activities. In order to receive CIAP funds, states are required to submit a Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (Plan) that the federal government must approve prior to disbursing any funds. The Plan contains project proposals submitted by State agencies and coastal political subdivisions. After a State Plan has been approved, CIAP recipients within the State may submit grant applications to the USFWS for projects included in the Plan. All CIAP funds are disbursed by USFWS through a non-competitive grant program. Program funds are available for grants awarded from 2009 through 2013.

On May 12, 2009, your Board approved the County's participation in the CIAP and approved the inclusion of five projects in the California Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (State Plan). The State Plan was approved by the federal government in 2009, and includes all five of the County's proposed projects. This approval means the County may apply for grants for any of the five projects. The County has in fact applied for two CIAP grants, and one has been awarded.

On September 27, 2011, your Board was informed that the original CIAP grant to the County of $1.2 million was increased to $1.5 million.

Grant monies received through the CIAP will be used to reimburse the Departments for a portion of the work performed on each of the Projects.

All documents required for the acceptance of the awarded grants will be subject to approval by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Regional Planning.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Grant monies received from the USFWS would be used to reimburse County Departments for a portion of the work performed on approved CIAP projects. Each of the Projects was planned for and considered by the County prior to learning that the grant reimbursement was available. As such, the County intended to implement the Projects without the use of CIAP funds.

Because the Projects were already in the work programs for each Department, the receipt of CIAP funds would not result in either a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, change in the environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the recommended action does not constitute a project and is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. The appropriate environmental documents will be completed and submitted to your Board for adoption prior to entering any potential contracts for construction projects related to implementation of the Project proposals.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Receiving the CIAP grants will enable the County to undertake some projects sooner than anticipated. Implementation and completion of the projects will improve planning and recreational services to the public by providing updated planning processes, safer coastal access, and improved water quality along the coast.

CONCLUSION

Participation in the CIAP will provide the County with approximately $1.5 million for projects that will improve the quality of life for County residents as well as visitors, while helping to protect coastal resources.

Authorize the Executive Officer of the Board to send two approved copies of this letter to Regional Planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Bruckner
Director

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Attachments

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Beaches and Harbors
Public Works

ATTACHMENT I

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants of $100,000 or More

Department: Regional Planning

Grant Project Title and Description

The Coastal Impact Assistance Program will help fund the following projects:

Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) Will Rogers State Beach Coastline Project: The grant award will help fund the refurbishment of parking areas and a walkway to the beach.

Department of Regional Planning (DRP) Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program Periodic Review: The grant award will help fund preparation of the State-mandated response to the Coastal Commission's Periodic Review of the County of Los Angeles' Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Marina del Rey Parking Lots 5 and 7 Water Quality Enhancement Projects: The grant award will fund installation of bio-retention filters that will capture runoff, filter out bacteria, and redirect the filtered runoff to the Marina's waters, reducing pollutants entering coastal waters in Marina del Rey frequented by the public and improving water quality.

Department of Public Works Oxford Retention Basin Multi-Use Enhancement Project: The grant award will help fund preservation of the flood control function of the Basin, incorporating multiuse benefits such as passive recreation and enhanced aesthetics, and will include wetland features and landscaping with native plants to promote wildlife habitat.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Coastal Impact Assistance Program	Upon Board Acceptance

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $1,521,276 DBH: $913,992 DRP: $215,669 DPW: $391,615	**County Match:$152,128** DBH: $91,399 DRP: $21,567 DPW: $39,162

Grant Period: 5 years	**Begin Date:2009**	**End Date: 2014**
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time: 0**	**Part Time: 0**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? **N/A**	Yes___	No____
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? **N/A**	Yes___	No____
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? **N/A**	Yes___	No____
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: **N/A**		

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes___	No____
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below) **N/A**_____	Yes___	No____
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. **N/A**	Yes___	No____

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above: N/A

Department Head Signature_____ Date: 3/20/12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County) is eligible to receive approximately $1.5 million in non-competitive grants under the federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds as follows:

1. In October 2006, the United States Department of the Interior released guidelines for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

2. The Coastal Impact Assistance Program authorizes the federal United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to disburse Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease revenues to impacted states and coastal counties for projects to mitigate the impacts of these oil- and gas-production activities.

3. In 2009, the County submitted project proposals to the California Resources Agency, which is the lead agency for implementing the Coastal Impact Assistance Program in California and for developing the State project and expenditure plan, for inclusion in a State Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (Plan).

4. Funds totaling approximately $1.5 million from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program will be allocated to the County of Los Angeles and are available over a four-year period for projects initiated from 2009 through 2012 through a non-competitive, "mandatory" grant process. This means the funds must be disbursed by the USFWS as allocated.

5. The Plan was adopted in 2009 and included the following County of Los Angeles Projects: Marina del Rey Harbor Parking Lot 5 Water Quality Enhancement; Marina del Rey Harbor Parking Lot 7 Water Quality Enhancement; Will Rogers State Beach Coastline Improvement; Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program Periodic Review revisions; and, Santa Catalina Island Local Coastal Program Update.

6. The Oxford Retention Basin Multi-Use Enhancement Project was approved in 2011 for inclusion in the Plan.

7. The proposed projects are necessary at this time because public facilities and infrastructure are in need of enhancement, maintenance and repair, and public health and safety – as well as coastal resources – are potentially being negatively impacted by contaminants in runoff.

8. The proposed projects will help improve protection of coastal resources, public access to coastal resources, and public health and safety.

9. Utilizing Coastal Impact Assistance Program funds to assist in the completion of the proposed projects strengthens the County's fiscal capacity by reducing the County's financial obligation and helping make possible an investment in public infrastructure.

10. The Board of Supervisors must authorize receipt of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program grant funds.

11. The Department of Regional Planning is designated by the California Resources Agency as the lead County agency for all matters related to the federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program, including applying for grants and receiving grant awards.

12. In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, adoption of this resolution and submittal of project proposals does not constitute a project and, therefore, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. That the public safety, the public convenience, the general welfare, and good fiscal management justify the County of Los Angeles' participation in the Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

2. That the recommended project proposals are consistent with the goals, policies, and programs of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

3. That the project proposals reflect actions that will help protect coastal resources, improve public access to the coast, and improve public safety in Los Angeles County.

4. That the proposal for the receipt of Coastal Impact Assistance Program funds is approved and that this approval will not have a significant effect on the environment.

5. That the Director of Regional Planning or his designee is authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, receipt of funds and payment requests, which may be necessary for the purposes of administering this grant.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2012 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer-Clerk of
Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Acting County Counsel

By _____
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Lozano, Gabriela

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Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 11:48 AM
To: Englund, Nicole; Katona, Karly; Saltsman, Ben; Julie Moore; Napolitano, Steve; evizcarra@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: Gonzales, Lorraine; Lozano, Gabriela
Subject: Item for 17 April Board agenda - Coastal Impact Assistance Program

Good morning. The County is eligible to receive approximately $1.5 million in federal grant monies from the US Department of the Interior's Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). CIAP funds are disbursed to coastal states and political subdivisions to mitigate the impacts of continental shelf oil- and gas-production activities. The Departments of Beaches & Harbors, Public Works, and Regional Planning have several projects which are eligible for this grant funding, and the Board previously approved these projects for CIAP funding.

The Board must authorize departments to accept grant funds. Regional Planning is working to place a resolution on the April 17th Board agenda which will authorize the Director of Regional Planning, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents to accept the CIAP grants, to disburse the grant funds to the Departments of Public Works and Beaches and Harbors as required, and to act as lead agent for the County when conducting business with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (which is administering the grants) on any and all matters related to these grants. This is not a public hearing item.

Please let me know if you have any concerns about placing this item on an upcoming Board agenda or have any questions about the Program. I will let you know if there are any changes to the schedule for this item.

Thank you,

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