

DATE: April 6, 2020

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 16: Consideration of a resolution approving a Proposition 68 grant to County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for the Salazar Park Water Conservation Project (RMC 19014)

PROGRAM AREA: Urban Lands

PROJECT TYPE: Development

JURISDICTION: County of Los Angeles

PROJECT MANAGER: Arturo Gonzalez

RECOMMENDATION: That the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Governing Board approve a grant in the amount of \$1,996,380 to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the Salazar Park Water Conservation Project (RMC 19014).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Exhibit A – Tasklist & Timeline
 Exhibit B – Project Budget
 Exhibit C – L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation Match Verification Letter
 Exhibit D - Project Location
 Exhibit E - Project Design

With the passage of the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, the RMC established Proposition 68 grant program guidelines which provided for project applications to be submitted for funding consideration (RMC Resolution 2019-06).

In Spring 2019, staff opened a Call for Projects between April 29, 2019 and July 15, 2019. Under Chapter 8 of Proposition 68, \$30,000,000 is allocated for projects throughout all of the RMC territory. Note, projects within the Los Angeles River corridor have a separate RMC urban river funding source. At least 20 percent of the funds available shall be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities (SDAC), defined as 60% of the State’s Median Household Income. This project is located in an SDAC.

Projects prioritized for funding recommendations to the Governing Board are subject to multiple factors upon review, including project score and ranking amongst territory-wide submittals, project readiness, and public benefit value. Project proponents are provided the opportunity to receive higher scores based on additional information provided through staff interviews that

demonstrate an alignment with RMC goals and objectives, and granting of funds is consistent with RMC programs, which include:

Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea - Supports the Watershed and Open Space Plan vision for the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watersheds, seeks to restore balance between natural and human systems. Guiding principles: 1) growing greener (create, expand and improve open space and access to open space), 2) enhancing waters and waterways, and 3) coordinate regional planning efforts.

RMC Environmental Justice Policy - To ensure that the public, including minority and low-income populations, are informed of opportunities to participate in the development and implementation of all RMC-related programs, policies and activities, and that they are not discriminated against, treated unfairly, or caused to experience disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects from environmental decisions.

Tribal Consultation - To ensure Indian tribes and tribal communities are able to provide meaningful input into the development of regulations, rules policies, programs, projects, plans, property decisions, and activities that may affect tribal communities; supporting AB52 and CEQA, which require separate consideration of tribal cultural resources from that of paleontological resources.

After review by RMC staff, this grant received an initial score of 79.15 out of a total 100 points or 79% and recommends funding of this project. After discussing the proposed project with the applicant, the score has been revised to 80.52 or 81%.

Project:	Salazar Park Water Conservation Project	
Applicant:	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	
Program area:	Urban Lands	
Amount requested:	\$1,996,380	
Amount recommended for funding:	\$1,996,380	
RMC PROP 68 REGIONWIDE GRANT PROGRAM - EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY		
Factor	Project Score	Total Possible Points
1. Access Value	9.5	11
2. Urban Land Value	7.88	10
3. Water Sustainability/Water Storage/Water Infrastructure	8.14	13
4. Habitat and Restoration Resource Values	6	10
5. Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities	24.5	25
6. Matching Funds	4.75	9
7. Readiness	3.5	5
8. Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value	11	11
9. Stewardship and Management Plan Value	5.25	6
TOTAL POINTS	80.52	100

The Salazar Park Water Conservation Project is a multi-benefit green infrastructure and beautification project proposed in a heavily used park located in the heart of the East Los Angeles. The proposed project will create a demonstration garden space, walking paths, shade trees,

seating and tables, and signage, and convert two existing parking lots to incorporate sustainable materials, including permeable paving and drought-tolerant landscaping.

The project proposes the creation of a native and drought-tolerant demonstration garden space (Central Garden) that will be central to the park. The new Central Garden will replace existing impervious paving and basketball courts as well as water intensive turf with a collection of climate-appropriate and native plant materials that have low water requirements. The Central Garden will also include a greywater irrigation system, which will divert stormwater from the adjacent community building roof to serve as irrigation for the garden space.

In addition, the project proposes that both large existing parking areas will be converted to permeable paving and drought-tolerant landscaping (over 75% native), including trees, which will also mitigate the Urban Heat Island Effect. Project elements include site preparation and demolition of existing paving, general grading, installation of permeable paving, curbs, parking stall striping inclusive of Americans with Disability Act (ADA), health related educational and historic/cultural signage, drought tolerant landscaping and trees, irrigation system, and perimeter fencing. The converted parking lots will ensure that stormwater be retained onsite, filtered through the permeable asphalt, and stored in a stone reservoir to allow slow infiltration into the soil below enabling pollutant reduction and replenishment of the water table. Salazar Park was originally named Laguna Park because of flooding issues that still persist in the park, the proposed project would help mitigate those issues.

If approved by the board, this project will have a timeline of 3 years 4 months from April 2020 to an anticipated completion by August 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND: Goals and objectives for the proposed project are aligned with the Vision Plan and the Community Report, developed by the grassroots organization Promesa Boyle Heights, which emphasize reinvestment into Salazar Park and the community it serves. The Vision Plan itself aims to develop a safer and more community-oriented park environment while creating tangible climate resiliency outcomes. While Salazar Park is a beloved and highly used park, there is an acknowledgement that violence and threats to safety do exist. There was particular emphasis on sustainability for the design and supporting the rich history and cultural significance of the site, the goals and objectives for Salazar Park include:

1. Increasing sustainability with park infrastructure improvements with the creation of the Central Garden and conversion of the existing parking infrastructure.
2. Providing educational and interpretive opportunities with the Central Garden and signage.
3. Emphasizing safety and connectivity for the community.

Salazar Park Project is located in unincorporated East Los Angeles. The project will improve an existing park in a Severely Disadvantaged Community (with a median household income of less than \$38,420 (DAC Mapping Tool). According to County DPH, the community ranks in the bottom quartile (ranked 110 out of 120 communities) for economic hardship. The proposed project is within a ¼ mile and ten minutes walking distance to a residential area and has three transit stops that are within ¼ mile or ten minute walk from high-use bus stops.

The East Los Angeles community has a density seven times that of Los Angeles County with approximately 135,000 residents that are predominantly Latino (97 percent), serving as a historic port of entry for working class immigrants. Nearly 60 percent of all households are bilingual and there is a strong sense of cultural identity. East Los Angeles also has a higher percentage of children under the age of 5 (8.7 percent) compared to the County (6.6 percent). In terms of

available park space, County DPH reports that East Los Angeles ranks 85 out of 120 communities. County DPH also indicates that the community ranks 115 out of 120 communities for years of potential life lost per 100,000 people due to premature diabetes mortality. According to the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 (June 2018), the area around Salazar Park is located in the highest pollution burden area, with a score of 96 to 100 percent. Located between five major freeways, the surrounding community contains a high concentration of oil refineries, auto body shops, and rail yards—all contributing to higher than average rates of respiratory illness and other negative health impacts. Salazar Park sits 150 yards from the Interstate 5 Freeway, a major truck corridor, as well as an area of heavy industry just south of the park. Twenty-seven percent of children in the surrounding area have been diagnosed with asthma, versus 15 percent for all of Los Angeles County.

Salazar Park sits at the heart of the community and on the frontlines of social and environmental justice. The project would provide respite from urban density and industrial uses as well as community greening, and is especially well-situated to advance park equity and climate resiliency with the implementation of the proposed project through the native landscaping and trees that will be planted as part of this project.

FISCAL INFORMATION: This action approves a grant award to County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$1,996,380 for the Salazar Park Water Conservation Project. The project has a matching fund of \$500,000 from Prop A which will be used to construct active recreation, LED lighting and other utility upgrades to the park. Total project cost including match is \$2,496,380.

Funding from the RMC is to cover the cost of grant administration, project management, construction and non-construction costs. Design, permitting, site preparation and demolition, estimated to cost \$580,724. Permeable paving and walkways, estimated to \$443,009 and \$246,710 will be spent on seating, shade structures, picnic tables and benches as well as BBQ. Landscaping and Irrigation estimated to \$309,730 including the Plant Demonstration Garden and trees. These are some highlights of the budget, the remaining costs include other hardscape improvements and drainage modification and utilities.

Funding for this project will be allocated from:

Proposition 68, Chapter 852 Statutes of 2017

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 allocations, Chapter 8, under statute:

80110(b)(6): San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Public Resources Code Division 22.8 provides in part that:

Section 32602: There is in the Resources Agency, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which is created as a state agency for the following purposes:

- (a) To acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open-space, low-impact recreational and educational

uses, water conservation, watershed improvement, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvement within the territory.

- (b) To preserve the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River consistent with existing and adopted river and flood control projects for the protection of life and property.
- (c) To acquire open-space lands within the territory of the conservancy.

Section 32604: The conservancy shall do all of the following:

- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (b) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.
- (d) To provide for the public's enjoyment and enhancement of recreational and educational experiences on public lands in the San Gabriel Watershed and Lower Los Angeles River, and the San Gabriel Mountains in a manner consistent with the protection of lands and resources in those watersheds.

Section 32614: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (b) Enter into contracts with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties, and enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency, in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (e) Enter into any other agreement with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties for the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (f) Recruit and coordinate volunteers and experts to conduct interpretive and recreational programs and assist with construction projects and the maintenance of parkway facilities.

Further, Section 32614 provides that: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (g) Undertake, within the territory, site improvement projects, regulate public access, and revegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in consultation with any other public agency with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602. The conservancy may also, within the territory, upgrade deteriorating facilities and construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resources projection. The conservancy may undertake those projects by itself or in conjunction with another local agency; however, the conservancy shall provide overall coordination of those projects by setting priorities for the projects and by ensuring a uniform approach to projects. The conservancy may undertake those projects with prior notification to the legislative body of the local agency that has jurisdiction in the area in which the conservancy proposes to undertake that activity.

Section 32614.5:

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.
- (b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:
 - (1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.
 - (2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.

- (3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.
 - (4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.
 - (5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.
 - (6) If the existence of the nonprofit organization is terminated for any reason, title to all interest in real property acquired with state funds shall immediately vest in the state, except that, prior to that termination, another public agency or nonprofit organization may receive title to all or a portion of that interest in real property, by recording its acceptance of title, together with the conservancy's approval, in writing.
- (c) Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby real property is acquired by a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section shall be recorded and shall set forth the executor interest or right of entry on the part of the state.

Task List and Timeline Salazar Park / County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation													
Project Task Detail by Project Phase	Task by Month/Year												
	Apr-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	Feb-23	Jun-23	Aug-23
PHASE 1													
<i>Board Letter, Contracting</i>	■	■											
Task 1 Design, Engineering, Permits, and Testing			■	■	■	■							
<i>Construction Solicitation and Contracting</i>					■	■							
Task 2 Site Preparation and Demolition					■	■	■						
Task 3 Site Paving, Hardscape, Amenities						■	■	■	■	■			
Task 4 Landscape and Irrigation						■	■	■	■	■			
Task 5 Utilities						■	■	■	■				
<i>Construction End</i>										■	■		
Project Closeout												■	
Grant Closeout													■

Budget			
Salazar Park / County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation			
Project Task Detail by Project Phase	RMC Funding 0	Los Angeles County, local source, Prop. A	Total 0
Phase 1			
1 Design, Engineering, Permits, and Testing			
Construction Documents	\$ 154,500		\$ 154,500
Geotechnical/MT&I	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000
Agronomy testing	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000
Site surveys	\$ 18,000		\$ 18,000
Plan Check and Permits	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000
Subtotal Task 1	\$ 308,500	\$ -	\$ 308,500
2 Site Preparation and Demolition			
Site clearing	\$ 147,616		\$ 147,616
Additional site clearing/addition	\$ 6,493		\$ 6,493
Site grading	\$ 147,615	\$ 24,789	\$ 172,404
Subtotal Task 2	\$ 301,723	\$ 24,789	\$ 326,512
3 Site Paving, Hardscape, Amenties			
Decorative paving and walkway, "Sattilo tiles"	\$ 53,585		\$ 53,585
Concrete curb at planting area	\$ 11,242		\$ 11,242
Concrete seating and walls around demo garden	\$ 154,560		\$ 154,560
Shade structure, complete (posts and footing)	\$ 53,750		\$ 53,750
Picnic tables, 6'x5' with bench	\$ 33,000		\$ 33,000
BBQ	\$ 4,400		\$ 4,400
Interpretive signage	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000
Permeable paving	\$ 389,424		\$ 389,424
Concrete curbs, 6"	\$ 33,286		\$ 33,286
Parking stall striping	\$ 5,136		\$ 5,136
ADA parking stall striping	\$ 408		\$ 408
Wheel stop	\$ 14,125		\$ 14,125
ADA parking signs and post mounted signs	\$ 3,300		\$ 3,300
restore outdoor sports courts	\$ -	\$ 16,880	\$ 16,880
Perimeter CL fencing, 8' high	\$ 54,810	\$ 14,611	\$ 69,421
Sports field lighting		\$ 137,310	\$ 137,310
Subtotal Task 3	\$ 826,026	\$ 168,801	\$ 994,827
4 Landscape and Irrigation			
Planting areas and soil preparation	\$ 104,670		\$ 104,670
Plant demonstration garden	\$ 45,068		\$ 45,068
Trees, 36" box	\$ 20,000	\$ 9,200	\$ 29,200
Tree, Specimen	\$ 20,001		\$ 20,001
native sod installation		\$ 103,849	\$ 103,849
Irrigation system	\$ 90,493	\$ 11,500	\$ 101,993
Subtotal Task 4	\$ 280,232	\$ 124,549	\$ 404,781
5 Utilities			
Protect, modify drainage as required	\$ 98,411		\$ 98,411
electrical plans, conduit, pole installation		\$ 136,406	\$ 136,406
Subtotal Task 5	\$ 98,411	\$ 136,406	\$ 234,817
SUBTOTAL TASK 1+2+3+4+5	\$ 1,814,891	\$ 454,545	\$ 2,269,436
PHASE 1 GRAND TOTAL			
	\$ 1,814,891	\$ 454,545	\$ 2,269,436
CONTINGENCY			
Contingency (not to exceed 10% of RMC Grant)	\$ 181,489	\$ 45,455	\$ 226,944
SUBTOTAL CONTINGENCY	\$ 181,489	\$ 45,455	\$ 226,944
PROJECT GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,996,380	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,496,380



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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March 11, 2020

Mr. Mark Stanley
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road
Azusa, CA 91702

Dear Mr. Stanley:

**SALAZAR PARK WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT
MATCH VERIFICATION**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) submitted the Salazar Park Water Conservation Project (Project) for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program. The Project will provide green infrastructure updates to the site, including constructing a native demonstration garden and converting impermeable surfacing to pervious asphalt on the site's parking lots to improve existing flooding and water quality issues. It is an important piece of a larger community-supported vision plan for Salazar Park, which reimagines the park as a local gathering place and community hub reflective of the site's history and the residents that it serves.

To demonstrate its commitment to the overall vision for Salazar Park, the Department will carry out concurrent site improvements, including sports field improvements and green updates such as installation of LED lighting and replacement of the existing turf with a native drought-tolerant and water-conserving perennial grass; restoration of the outdoor sports courts; tree planting of native Western Sycamore Trees; and updates to the existing irrigation system. These improvements will be funded with local Proposition A funding in the amount of \$500,000.

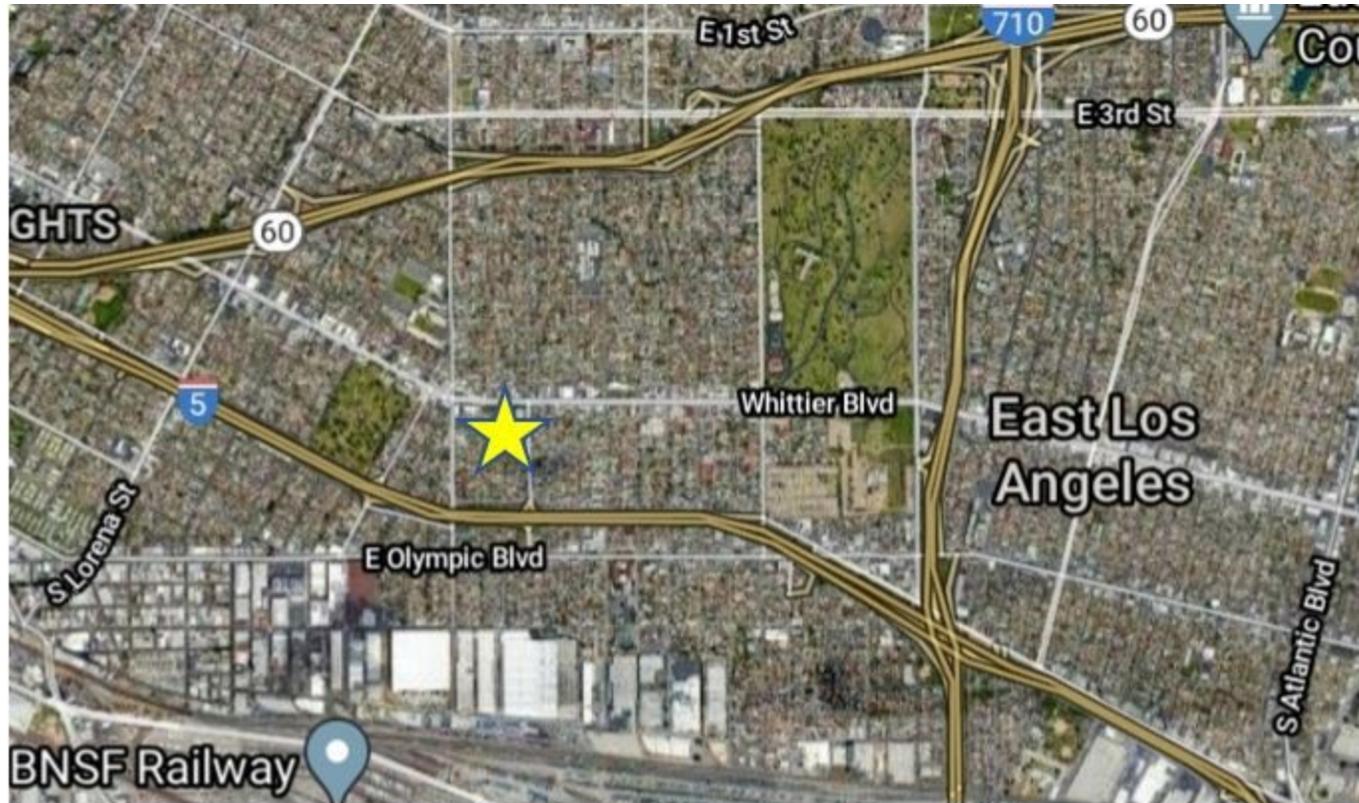
Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kasey Dizon at (626) 588-5360 or kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Alina Bokde by Andrea Vera

Alina Bokde
Deputy Director

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LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE (FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATIVE GARDENS)

- JANUARY:**
- PRUNE ANY TREE BRANCHES THAT INTERFERE WITH PUBLIC SAFETY SIGHT LINES. PRUNING SHALL BE DONE BY A CERTIFIED ARBORIST ONLY.
 - MULCH NATIVE SHRUB AREAS ONCE PER MONTH TO MAINTAIN A 3" MULCH LAYER AT ALL TIMES. USE ORGANIC MULCH ONLY. FREE OF PINE OR EUCALYPTUS WOOD.
 - RUN AND CHECK FOR PROPER OPERATION OF EACH VALVE ZONE. TEST SENSORS (RAIN, SOIL, OR WEATHER SENSORS).
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- FEBRUARY:**
- APPLY ORGANIC COMPOST AROUND TREES OR SHRUBS IN LATE FEBRUARY, MAKE APPLICATION PRIOR TO A RAINFALL SO THE RAIN WILL SOAK THE COMPOST IN.
 - ADD NEW MULCH TO PLANTED AREAS WHERE THE MULCH DEPTH HAS BEEN REDUCED TO LESS THAN 3 INCHES THICK. MULCH NOT REQUIRED WHERE SHRUBS OR GROUNDCOVER COMPLETELY HIDE THE SOIL SURFACE FROM VIEW. USE ORGANIC MULCH ONLY. FREE OF PINE OR EUCALYPTUS WOOD.
 - COOL SEASON ORNAMENTAL GRASSES ONLY-CUT ALL STEMS AND BLADES DOWN TO 3" FROM GROUND
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- MARCH**
- REPLACE ANY DEAD OR MISSING PLANTS.
 - FLUSH OUT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AS NEEDED. RUN AND CHECK FOR PROPER OPERATION OF EACH VALVE ZONE. TEST SENSORS (RAIN, SOIL, OR WEATHER SENSORS).
 - REMOVE AND CLEAN FILTER SCREENS ON DRIP SYSTEMS.
 - CLEAN OR REPLACE PLUGGED SPRINKLER NOZZLES.
 - REPLACE IRRIGATION CONTROLLER PROGRAM BACK-UP BATTERIES.
- APRIL**
- APPLY ORGANIC COMPOST AROUND TREES OR SHRUBS. SHRUBS/GROUNDCOVER AREAS MAY BE ELIMINATED WHEN THE PLANTS REACH MATURITY.
 - ADD NEW MULCH TO PLANTED AREAS WHERE THE MULCH DEPTH HAS BEEN REDUCED TO LESS THAN 3 INCHES THICK. MULCH NOT REQUIRED WHERE SHRUBS OR GROUNDCOVER COMPLETELY HIDE THE SOIL SURFACE FROM VIEW. USE ORGANIC MULCH ONLY. FREE OF PINE OR EUCALYPTUS WOOD.
 - RUN AND CHECK FOR PROPER OPERATION OF EACH VALVE ZONE. TEST SENSORS (RAIN, SOIL, OR WEATHER SENSORS).
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- MAY:**
- TURN ON IRRIGATION SYSTEM. RUN AND VISUALLY INSPECT FOR PROPER ZONE COVERAGE. VERIFY THAT ET-WEATHER BASED CONTROLLER IS ON-LINE AND IS ADJUSTING THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM.
 - PERENNIALS ONLY - EARLY SPRING THE FIRST-YEAR PINCH OFF NEW GROWTH AND CUT FLOWER BUDS. IN SECOND YEAR PRUNE AFTER THE FIRST FLOWERING. DO THIS BY CUTTING BACK ONE-THIRD OF THE ENDS OF THE FLOWER STALKS.
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- JUNE:**
- DEAD HEAD SPRING & WINTER-FLOWERING SHRUBS AS NEEDED TO REMOVE SPENT FLOWERS (ALLOW THE SHRUB'S NATURAL FORM AND HEIGHT. DO NOT HEDGED).
 - SALVIA ONLY - DEADHEAD, REMOVE DEAD GROWTH, AND SHEAR VERY LIGHTLY TO KEEP DENSE, CAN ALSO BE PRUNED AROUND PERIMETER TO LIMIT SPREAD.
 - ADD NEW MULCH TO PLANTED AREA WHERE THE MULCH DEPTH HAS BEEN REDUCED TO LESS THAN 3 INCHES THICK. MULCH NOT REQUIRED WHERE SHRUBS OR GROUNDCOVER COMPLETELY HIDE THE SOIL SURFACE FROM VIEW. USE ORGANIC MULCH ONLY. FREE OF PINE OR EUCALYPTUS WOOD.
 - RUN AND CHECK FOR PROPER OPERATION OF EACH VALVE ZONE. TEST SENSORS (RAIN, SOIL, OR WEATHER SENSORS).
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND USING A STEEL WEED CUTTER ONLY (DO NOT USE WEED WHACKERS)
- JULY:**
- DEAD HEAD VINES AS NEEDED. LOOSELY TIE VINE BRANCHES TO SUPPORT WITH COATED VINE TIES OR STRETCH TIES WHERE REQUIRED.
 - RUN AND CHECK FOR PROPER OPERATION OF EACH VALVE ZONE. TEST SENSORS (RAIN, SOIL, OR WEATHER SENSORS).
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- AUGUST:**
- ADD NEW MULCH TO PLANTED AREA WHERE THE MULCH DEPTH HAS BEEN REDUCED TO LESS THAN 3 INCHES THICK. MULCH NOT REQUIRED WHERE SHRUBS OR GROUNDCOVER COMPLETELY HIDE THE SOIL SURFACE FROM VIEW. USE ORGANIC MULCH ONLY. FREE OF PINE OR EUCALYPTUS WOOD.
 - RUN AND CHECK FOR PROPER OPERATION OF EACH VALVE ZONE. TEST SENSORS (RAIN, SOIL, OR WEATHER SENSORS).
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- SEPTEMBER:**
- DEAD HEAD VINES AS NEEDED. LOOSELY TIE VINE BRANCHES TO TRELIS SUPPORT WITH COATED VINE TIES OR STRETCH TIES WHERE REQUIRED.
 - APPLY ORGANIC COMPOST AROUND TREES OR SHRUBS IN SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. THE SHRUBS/GROUNDCOVER AREAS MAY BE ELIMINATED WHEN THE PLANTS REACH MATURITY
 - RUN AND CHECK FOR PROPER OPERATION OF EACH VALVE ZONE. TEST SENSORS (RAIN, SOIL, OR WEATHER SENSORS).
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- OCTOBER:**
- WARM SEASON ORNAMENTAL GRASSES ONLY-CUT ALL STEMS AND BLADES DOWN TO 3" FROM GROUND
 - ADD NEW MULCH TO PLANTED AREA WHERE THE MULCH DEPTH HAS BEEN REDUCED TO LESS THAN 3 INCHES THICK. MULCH NOT REQUIRED WHERE SHRUBS OR GROUNDCOVER COMPLETELY HIDE THE SOIL SURFACE FROM VIEW. USE ORGANIC MULCH ONLY. FREE OF PINE OR EUCALYPTUS WOOD.
 - RUN AND CHECK FOR PROPER OPERATION OF EACH VALVE ZONE. TEST SENSORS (RAIN, SOIL, OR WEATHER SENSORS).
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- NOVEMBER:**
- DEAD HEAD AN PRUNE SPRING & WINTER-FLOWERING SHRUBS MORE TIGHTLY DURING DORMANCY .
 - REMOVE SPENT OR DEAD STEMS LEAVES AND BRANCHES. (ALLOW THE SHRUB'S NATURAL FORM AND HEIGHT. DO NOT HEDGED).
 - SALVIA ONLY - DEADHEAD, REMOVE DEAD GROWTH, AND SHEAR MORE TIGHTLY BUT DO NOT CUT INTO OLD WOOD INTERIOR OF PLANT.
 - PERENNIALS ONLY- LIGHT PRUNING DOWN TO AND ABOVE THE WOODY PART OF THE STEMS..
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.
- DECEMBER:**
- PRUNE SUMMER AND FALL-BLOOMING SHRUBS MORE TIGHTLY DURING DORMANCY . REMOVE SPENT OR DEAD STEMS LEAVES .
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND USING A STEEL WEED CUTTER ONLY (DO NOT USE WEED WHACKERS).
 - ADD NEW MULCH TO PLANTED AREA WHERE THE MULCH DEPTH HAS BEEN REDUCED TO LESS THAN 3 INCHES THICK. MULCH NOT REQUIRED WHERE SHRUBS OR GROUNDCOVER COMPLETELY HIDE THE SOIL SURFACE FROM VIEW. USE ORGANIC MULCH ONLY. FREE OF PINE OR EUCALYPTUS WOOD.
 - PULL WEEDS OUT BY HAND AND A STEEL WEED CUTTER.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- NATIVE PLANTS ARE USUALLY FREE FROM PESTS AND DISEASE IN THE LANDSCAPE, BY PRACTICING GOOD WATERING HABITS. ROOT ROT DISEASE. PRESENT IN THE ROOT ZONE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS CAN BE AVOIDED. CHECKING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND SCHEDULING IS A KEY.
- AS PLANTINGS MATURE, PLANT PREDATORS BECOME LESS OF A PROBLEM. AS THE PLANTS ARE GENERALLY MORE RESISTANT, PLANT EATING INSECTS CAN BE CONTROLLED WITH NATURAL PRODUCTS SUCH AS NEM OIL AND INSECTICIDE SOAP.
- PRACTICE WEED CONTROL MONTHLY. WEEDS WILL DIMINISHES OVER TIME. THEIR SEED BANK DEPLETES AND CONDITIONS ARE LESS FAVORABLE WITH SHRUB AND MULCH COVERAGE REDUCING WEED COMPETITION.

**DO NOT LIST
DO NOT:**

- CUT SHRUBS UNLESS SPECIFIED ON THE LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE
- REMOVE FALLEN LEAFS OR FLOWERS, MIX SPENT LEAVES AND FLOWERS INTO THE MULCH AND/OR COMPOST.
- USE BLOWER IN ANY PLANTING AREA OR ON SOIL
- SWEEP SOIL WITH BROOM OR RAKE
- APPLY CHEMICAL FERTILIZER
- USE WEED WHACKER
- USE MULCH WITH PINE OR EUCALYPTUS WOOD
- USE INSECTICIDE CHEMICAL SPRAYS, BECAUSE THEY UPSET NATURE'S BALANCE AND KILL BENEFICIAL INSECTS AS WELL.

AGOSTIS PALLENS MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

MOVING AGOSTIS PALLENS, MEADOW GRASS

- AGOSTIS PALLENS CAN BE MOWED OR LEFT TO GROW TO ITS FULL LENGHT OF 18"-24" CREATING THE LOOK OF A NATURAL, INFORMAL MEADOW. LEFT IN ITS NATURAL STATE, IT WILL REQUIRE HALF THE WATER OF CUSTOMARY TURF. IT IS BEST TO DETERMINE THE DESIRED AESTHETIC PREFERRED.
- NON-MOWED GRASS AREAS WILL PRODUCE A SEED HEAD IN THE SPRING. THIS IS OFTEN MISTAKEN AS A WEED INVASION. IF DESIRED, THE SEED HEADS CAN BE CUT OFF WITH A STRING TRIMMER, LEFT ALONE. THESE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS OF THE GRASS BLOW IN THE WIND PROVIDING A SEASONAL SPLENDOR FOR WHICH CALIFORNIA IS FAMOUS. SUMMER HEAT WILL TURN THE SEED HEADS GOLDEN BROWN AND CAUSING THEM TO EVENTUALLY CASCADE OVER AND GRASS CYCLE AND MULCH INTO THE GREEN GRASS BELOW.
- IF MOWED, SET MOWER AT 3" INCHES. MOW WHEN GRASS IS THIS TALL 24" IN HEIGHT.

WATERING AGOSTIS PALLENS

- AGOSTIS PALLENS IS DROUGHT TOLERANT AND HAS EVOLVED TO LIVE WITHIN CALIFORNIA'S DIVERSE MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE AND VARYING SOIL TYPES. ONCE FULLY ESTABLISHED, WATER SEEKING ROOTS REACH A DEPTH OF 36 INCHES MAKING THE SOD MORE DROUGHT TOLERANT AND GIVING IT SUPERIOR OVERALL RESILIENCE.
- AGOSTIS PALLENS REQUIRES ¼ INCH PER WEEK SPRING/FALL AND 1 INCH PER WEEK IN SUMMER.
- TO FORCE DEEP ROOTING SYSTEM WATERED LONG ENOUGH TO SOAK THE SOIL TO 6 INCHES OR DEEPER ONCE A MONTH.

FERTILIZING AGOSTIS PALLENS

- WATERING PALLENS REQUIRES LESS THAN HALF THE AMOUNT OF NITROGEN THAT IS COMMONLY APPLIED TO TRADITIONAL TURFGRASS.
- USE SLOW-RELEASE AND ORGANIC FERTILIZERS ORGANIC FERTILIZERS SUCH AS (RINGIER LAWN RESTORE, DR, EARTH NATURAL ORGANIC LAWN FERTILIZER, E.B, STONE NATURE'S GREEN LAWN FOOD.
- APPLY FERTILIZER IN THE EARLY FALL BEFORE THE HEAVY RAINS ARRIVE.
- APPLY FERTILIZER IN THE EARLY SPRING (LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH).
- A THIRD APPLICATION MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE LATE SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER IF THERE ARE SIGNS OF LOW FERTILITY, SUCH AS UNEVEN GROWTH AND LOSS OF COLOR. THESE ARE A GOOD INDICATION THAT THE MEADOW GRASS NEEDS FERTILIZER.

ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE FOR UN-MOWED AGOSTIS PALLENS

AGOSTIS PALLENS CAN BE MOWED TO 3" ONCE A YEAR DURING THE EARLY SPRING. THIS WILL MAKE THE NEW GROWTH STRONGER. AFTER THE YEARLY MOWING EXPECT THE AGOSTIS TO TURN YELLOW. IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 6 WEEKS FOR THE AGOSTIS TO TURN A DEEP GREEN UP. THIS IS

MAINTENANCE TASK	FREQUENCY
1. CONTROLLER CABINET - OPEN CABINET AND CLEAN OUT DEBRIS AND REPLACE BATTERY AS NECESSARY. CHECK WIRING AND REPAIR AS NEEDED AND CHECK CLOCK AND RESET, IF NECESSARY.	QUARTERLY
2. IRRIGATION SCHEDULE - ADJUST SCHEDULE FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS AND OTHER CONDITIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF WATER NEEDED TO MAINTAIN PLANT HEALTH ADJUST AS NECESSARY.	MONTHLY
3. POC - VISUALLY INSPECT COMPONENTS FOR LEAKS, PRESSURE SETTINGS, SETTLEMENT OR OTHER DAMAGE AFFECTING THE OPERATION OF A COMPONENT REPAIR AS NEEDED.	QUARTERLY
4. REMOTE CONTROL VALVES, ISOLATION VALVES AND QUICK COUPLER VALVES - VISUALLY INSPECT FOR LEAKS, SETTLEMENT, WIRE CONNECTIONS AND PRESSURE SETTINGS. REPAIR OR ADJUST AS NEEDED.	QUARTERLY
5. MAINLINE AND LATERALS - VISUALLY INSPECT FOR LEAKS OR SETTLEMENT OF TRENCH.	QUARTERLY
6. SPRINKLERS- VISUALLY CHECK FOR ANY BROKEN MISIGNED OR CLOGGED HEADS. HEADS WITH INCORRECT ARC, INADEQUATE COVERAGE OR OVERSPRAY AND LOW HEAD DRAINAGE REPAIR AS NEEDED.	WEEKLY
7. FILTERS AND STRAINERS- VISUALLY CHECK FOR LEAKS, BROKEN FITTING CLEAN AND FLUSH SCREENS.	MONTHLY



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SALAZAR PARK
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REVIEWED BY: TS
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April 6, 2020 – Item 16

RESOLUTION 2020-18

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING A PROPOSITION 68 GRANT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE SALAZAR PARK WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT (RMC19014)

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (“Proposition 68”); and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for more reliable water supplies, restoration of important species and habitat, more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project meets the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with AB 32; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The grantee has requested a grant from Proposition 68, Chapter 7, Section 80100(a)(1)(B) or Chapter 8, Section 80110(b)(6) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

- 1 FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
- 2 FINDS that the Proposition 68 RMC Grant Program is consistent with the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (“Proposition 68”), which provides funds for the RMC grant program.
- 3 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the purposes of Proposition 68.
- 4 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan.
- 5 FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy;
- 6 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 7 ADOPTS the staff report dated April 6, 2020.
- 8 AUTHORIZES a grant of in the amount of \$1,996,380 to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation through August 30, 2023 for the Salazar Park Water Conservation Project (RMC19014).

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on April 6, 2020.

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____

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David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General