

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: PARKS AND RECREATION *SWB*  
Urgent \_\_\_\_\_ Routine x  
CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES pt NO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Information Attached)

BOARD AGENDA # B-13  
AGENDA DATE April 24, 2001  
4/5 Vote Required YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO ✓

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION  
FUND PROGRAM GRANT FOR EMPIRE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.

STAFF  
RECOMMEN-  
DATIONS:

1. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO APPLY FOR A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM GRANT FOR EMPIRE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WHICH IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RESOURCES AGENCY.
2. APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION.
3. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO SIGN AND FORWARD ALL DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION.

FISCAL  
IMPACT:

The grant request is in the amount of \$505,000 for the development of the Empire Neighborhood Park. If awarded, Stanislaus County must finance the entire project but will be reimbursed \$252,500 (50% of the costs) upon completion of the project. The \$505,000 funding request will be identified in the 2001-2002 Parks Master Plan budget.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-305

On motion of Supervisor Chair Paul , Seconded by Supervisor Mayfield  
and approved by the following vote,  
Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul  
Noes: Supervisors: None  
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Blom  
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) X Approved as recommended
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

File No.

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER  
CONSERVATION FUND ASSISTANCE FOR EMPIRE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.  
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DISCUSSION:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is administered through the California Department of Parks and Recreation Resources Agency. The LWCF is a federally funded grant which is limited to outdoor recreation purposes (acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of public parks and recreation areas) and to indoor facilities that support outdoor recreation activities. The Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation Department is requesting a grant of \$505,000 for the development of the Empire Neighborhood Park.

Empire Neighborhood Park is the newest park facility in the Stanislaus County park system. The Department recently acquired the 5.5 acres of land in Empire to provide for recreational activities for this community. Land and Water Conservation Program Funds will enable staff to proceed from the park planning phase into the park development phase. These funds will pay for the complete development of the park.

The County will finance the total park development costs, estimated at \$505,000. The County will be reimbursed for 50% of eligible project costs upon project completion. Additionally, a surcharge will be deducted from the reimbursement of the project costs before the funds are reimbursed. The surcharge amount can vary with different project descriptions and will be determined in the initial agreement by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. If the grant is awarded, the department will return to the Board for approval to accept the grant and to expend project funds. The \$505,000 project funds, as well as costs to cover the state surcharge, will be requested in the FY 2001-2002 Parks Master Plan budget in the category of Unmet Needs.

Meetings with the Empire community will continue to be held to determine recreational needs in the Empire area. These needs will assist staff in developing recreational specifications (planning and design) of the Empire Neighborhood Park. All facilities, pathways, and playground equipment will be in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act guidelines.

Staff is recommending the Board authorize the department to apply for this grant which will develop Empire Neighborhood Park. The Department will develop the grant application in accordance with the grant application requirements. The application will be filed by the deadline date of May 1, 2001.

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POLICY  
ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors should determine if the Parks and Recreation Department should apply for a grant under the Resources Agency Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. This request is in line with the Board's priority of ensuring a safe and healthy community.

STAFFING  
IMPACT:

There will be no impacts to staffing. Current staff will provide for general oversight of the park development.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF STANISLAUS APPROVING  
THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR THE  
EMPIRE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-in-Aid Program providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Park and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the state, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of local matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the state; and


WHEREAS, the proposed **Empire Neighborhood Park Development** project is consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan: California Outdoor Recreation Plan – 1994; and

WHEREAS, the project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certifies that said agency has matching funds from the following source(s): County General Fund; and can finance 100% of the project, half of which will be reimbursed; and
3. Certifies that the project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project; and
4. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation as agent of the county to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, CLERK  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,  
State of California,

  
By: Deputy

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