



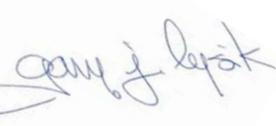
*CITY of CALABASAS*

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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**DATE:** OCTOBER 31, 2017

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM:** DR. GARY J. LYSIK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER 

**SUBJECT:** ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1570, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, TO SECURE FUNDING FOR OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FACILITIES LOCATED AT HEADWATERS CORNER INTERPRETIVE CENTER

**MEETING**

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopts Resolution No. 2017-1570, authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the State of California, Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, to secure funding for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities located at Headwaters Corner Interpretive Center.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 4, 2016, a fire caused the destruction of the Bartelle House and a bridge located at Headwaters Corner, having a physical property address of 3815 Old Topanga Canyon Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. Since that point in time, the Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT), the organization which the City of Calabasas

has a lease agreement with to operate an interpretive center at that same location, has been operating out of a mobile facility.

The Bartell House and the bridge are both in the process of being replaced using monies already received from CHUBB, the insurance company used to provide additional coverage for the MRT, and from the CJPIA, the City's insurance carrier.

During the rebuild process, a need has been established for the MRT to have an outdoor environmental education facility located at that same location. The State of California, Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, is offering a grant to assist in the cost of developing public, outdoor structures and exhibits that facilitate focused learning regarding native vegetation, the natural environment, environmental stewardship, and appreciation of the natural world. Learning must include an understanding of how humans interact with, and are dependent on, natural ecosystems. These structures and exhibits may provide outdoor education on their own (such as signs, kiosks, nature trails), or facilitate providing outdoor education (such as campfire centers, amphitheaters, or group campgrounds). Cities are eligible to participate in this grant program. Grant awards will be provided based on the merits of each project submitted for review.

If the grant is awarded to the City of Calabasas, the project must be completed within seven (7) years and nine (9) months from the appropriation date, where the appropriation date is July 1 of the fiscal year in which the funds are appropriated in the State budget.

For the project to be considered complete, all scope items must be built, the project would need to be open to the public, and all final paperwork must be submitted to the State of California – Office of Grants and Local Services.

The amount of grant funds being requested from the State of California totals \$146,875 and is broken down as follows:

Freestanding structures with interpretive signage	\$30,500
Outdoor exhibits other than interpretive signage	30,000
	33,000
Amphitheater, outdoor classroom, deck, plaza, dock or other gathering place used for outdoor education	24,000
Interpretive displays on existing trails	29,375
Other non-construction costs	
	\$146,875
<b>TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	

**FINANCIAL IMPACT / SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

The total cost of replacement for the lost structures due to fire damage is covered by insurance claims. Receiving the grant from the State of California would help the Mountains Restoration Trust provide quality outdoor education facilities for the public sooner. There is no financial impact to the City.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- A. Resolution No. 2017-1570
- B. Application Guide – Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities