

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295504

ADOPTED ON SEP 24 2001

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE NATURAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM FOR MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM PRESERVE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is requesting consideration of the following proposals under the State's Natural Communities Conservation Planning program:

- Comprehensive Vernal Pool Survey: City staff would document all vernal pools within the City of San Diego, both private and publicly owned, and provide species specific survey and GIS mapping efforts for all accessible vernal pools (Grant Request: \$122,418.84).
- San Diego Thornmint Weed Eradication: The City of San Diego is seeking funding to conduct weed removal at sites in the Sabre Springs, Black Mountain Ranch and Mission Trails Park areas in an effort to protect existing populations of San Diego Thornmint. San Diego Thornmint (*Acanthomintha ilicifolia*) is a Federally and State endangered plant as well as a narrow endemic under the City of San Diego Multiple MSCP Subarea Plan. Weeds are invading the heavy clay soils where the existing Thornmint populations are preserved in permanent open space as a part of the City of San Diego Multiple Habitat Planning Area (Grant Requests: \$19,875.00).

- Placing MSCP Documents Online: Grant proposal to update the City's existing MSCP web page to make the City's MSCP Subarea Plan (March 1997), the Final MSCP Plan (August 1998), and City's Annual Reports (complete with full text and maps) available to the public on-line (Grant Request: \$5,604.31).
- San Diego River Management Plan: The City would develop a preserve management plan for the San Diego River including an update of existing biological surveys, mapping of resources, identification of current and planned land uses, restoration and enhancement opportunities, and control of illegal activities (e.g. vagrant encampments) within biologically sensitive areas. This plan would serve to meet the area-specific management directives required by the MSCP and provide baseline information for a larger San Diego River Master Plan effort. (Grant Request: \$101,475.64).
- NCCP Coverage of Additional Eight Plant Species: This grant would seek an amendment to the covered species list to include eight plant species on the City's incidental take list. The eight species are: California spine brush, San Diego sagewort, summer holly, Orcutt's Hazardia, salt marsh daisy, Baja California bird bush, ashy-spike moss, and scrub oak. The grant would cover the analysis of species distribution, the level of habitat conversation with the City, a determination of whether the data support inclusion of coverage, preparation of the appropriate environmental review (CEQA and NEPA) and the amendment to the City's incidental take permit. (Grant Request: \$80,093.65).

- Monitoring Coastal Sage Scrub Succession in Marron Valley Using Digital Imaging Technology: The City has placed a conservation easement over Marron Valley, one of the City's four cornerstone lands, totaling 2,644 acres. Marron Valley was mapped as high quality coastal sage scrub during the MSCP vegetation mapping in 1992. A subsequent fire in 1995 burned a large of the property. The proposed grant would fund work with San Diego State to implements the use of digital imagery to evaluate the condition and successional change of the coastal sage scrub vegetation in Marron Valley. (Grant Request \$144,042.12).

WHEREAS, the City desires to apply for, accept, and expend the allocated State funds for these projects; NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego as follows:

1. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit a grant application to the State Natural Community Conversation Planning Grant Program for MSCP Preserve Monitoring and Management Activities.
2. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to take all necessary steps to secure funding.
3. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized and empowered to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment request, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

4. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized for and on behalf of the City, to accept, appropriate, expend, and administer the grant funds, if secured, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the approved grant monies.

5. That the City Auditor and Comptroller is directed to establish a separate interest-bearing account for the grant.

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