Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Public Works – Adopt RESOLUTION authorizing City Manager to negotiate terms and sign Proposition 12 Grant Agreement for Beach Cities Green Streets Project. Expenditure: None

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION to authorize the City Manager to negotiate terms and sign Proposition 12 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant for the Beach Cities Green Streets Project.

Funding
Not Applicable

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) is the regulatory agency assigned to set the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Los Angeles County. The Board has adopted the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria (SMBBB) TMDL and the Santa Monica Bay Debris (Trash) TMDL. The City of Torrance is part of the Santa Monica Bay watershed and must comply with the TMDLs adopted by the Regional Board.

On November 8, 2012, the Regional Board adopted the 2012 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles County (Permit). The Permit includes requirements for Enhanced Watershed Management Plans (EWMP) to be prepared to determine Best Management Practices (BMP) projects needed to comply with the TMDLs.

The Cities of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District have formed the Beach Cities Group to develop a Beach Cities EWMP and BMP projects to comply with the Board’s 2012 NPDES Permit.

Before the Beach Cities EWMP was completed, the City of Torrance completed the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, I-102 in August 20, 2015 consisting of Henrietta, Amie, and Entradero Basins to treat a tributary area of 1407 acres south of 190th Street. That project was partially funded by a $3,000,000 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission grant.

On September 7, 2018 the Beach Cities Group, with City of Torrance as the lead agency, submitted a grant application to the California State Coastal Conservancy and Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission for a $2,000,000 Proposition 12 (Prop 12) Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. The budget for the Beach Cities Green Streets Project is estimated at $5,145,000. Please see attached Location Map for streets identified in each City
for this project. Green Street projects are constructed in the public parkways and include a variety of technologies including catch basin filters, bio-filtration, planter swales, more trees and dry wells to intercept, filter and infiltrate storm water.

The Beach Cities Green Streets Project was selected for the Prop 12 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy and Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. A requirement of the grant is for the lead agency to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant agreement and any amendments. The resolution would also indicate the City's commitment to accept the grant funds, fund its share of the project and to maintain the completed project within Torrance.

Staff is currently working with the Beach Cities Group on the Cost Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for their share of the match funds. The City's share for design would be $137,500. Staff proposes to request that City Council appropriate the grant funds and matching funds for design when City Council considers the Cost Sharing MOU. The project funding is divided into design and construction so that we can apply for Measure W Regional funding for construction costs matching funds when those funds are available.

The Public Works Director, therefore, recommends that the City Council adopt the RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to negotiate terms and sign the Prop 12 Grant Agreement for the Beach Cities Greens Streets Project.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
Public Works Director

By: John Dettle
Engineering Manager

CONCUR:

Craig Bilezerian
Public Works Director

LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments: A. Resolution
B. Location Map
RESOLUTION No. 2019-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSITION 12 AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CONSERVANCY AND SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION APPROVING THE GRANT FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEACH CITIES GREEN STREETS PROJECT AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS OR ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy ("Conservancy") under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and with the Conservancy's Strategic Plan and that best achieve the Conservancy's statutory objectives, in light of limited funding.

WHEREAS, at its March 14, 2019 meeting, the Conservancy adopted a resolution authorizing a grant to City of Torrance ("grantee") for Beach Cities Green Streets Project ("the project"). The resolution was adopted by the Conservancy pursuant to and is included in the Conservancy March 14, 2019 staff recommendation, a copy of which is on file with the grantee and with the Conservancy.

WHEREAS, the Conservancy requires that governing body of the grantee certify through a resolution that it approves the award of Conservancy grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Conservancy grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY:

1. Approves the award of grant funding from the Conservancy for the project.

2. Acknowledges that it has or will have sufficient funds to complete the project and, if any property is acquired as part of the project to operate and maintain the property, and, if any facilities are constructed as a part of the project, to operate and maintain the facilities for a reasonable period, not less than the useful life of the facilities.

3. Agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement and to complete the project.
4. Authorizes any of the following named officers or employees of the grantee to act as a representative of the grantee, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the grantee all agreements and instruments necessary to complete the project and to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement: CITY MANAGER.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2019.

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
PATRICK Q. SULLIVAN, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by Tatia Y. Strader, Assistant City Attorney

Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk