SUBJECT: APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR THE TULE RIVER WETLANDS REVITALIZATION - PHASE IV

SOURCE: Department of Parks and Leisure Services

COMMENT: The Resolution for the Tule River Wetlands Revitalization - Phase IV Project is for the development of the Tule River Parkway from Main Street to Plano Street. The Resolution is necessary to apply for State Grant Funds from the State Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code. The grant is for $250,000. No direct monetary match is required. Previous Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation grants have funded the first phase of the Tule River Parkway and the most recent grant approved in 2002 will fund acquisitions for Phase III of the parkway between Plano and Main Street.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve the attached Resolution for the Tule River Wetlands Revitalization - Phase IV.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO.: __________


WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide $10 million annually for a period of ten years for grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and non profit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the applicant’s governing body before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance.

2. Certifies that said applicant will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the project.
3. Appoints John Longley, as agent of the City of Porterville, to conduct all
negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to,
applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be
necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ______day of October, 2002.

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Gordon T. Woods

ATTEST:

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John Longley, City Clerk