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The Sepulveda Basin is an approximately 2,000-acre flood management facility located in the San Fernando Valley near the intersection of the 101 and 405 Freeways. The Sepulveda Basin is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, with over two-thirds of the land leased to the City of Los Angeles for recreational use. The Sepulveda Basin is the largest public open space in the San Fernando Valley, but surrounding neighborhoods are significantly lacking green open spaces. While the Sepulveda Basin provides recreational opportunities for the San Fernando Valley, it can be difficult to access and navigate. Certain areas of the Basin are underutilized and could be enhanced to provide better natural habitat, recreation, and cultural spaces.

In 2021, the City of Los Angeles collaborated with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to draft the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan for the Basin's future. The plan reimagines the Basin through a set of community-driven objectives. The City Engineer has completed a draft of the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan in collaboration with the MRCA. It presents a long-term plan for the future of the Basin, an Army Corps of Engineers' flood control property, where a majority of the area is leased to the City of Los Angeles for recreational purposes.

The SMMC has stated that the City is eligible for two grants to fund the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan, totaling in the amount of \$2,175,000. With this funding, the City can coordinate with the MRCA to initiate technical studies on the dechannelization and widening of the Los Angeles River, environmental studies and documentation, and on coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), to apply for and accept two grant awards totaling \$2,175,000, consisting of \$1,750,000 to support technical studies on the dechannelization and widening of the Los Angeles River, and \$425,000 to support community outreach and plan refinement, from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, execute agreements, receive funding, and to administer project implementation for the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan.
2. Authorize the City Engineer, BOE, to make any correction, revisions, or clarifications to the above instructions to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

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