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**BPW-2022-0357**

The Honorable City Council  
Room No. 395  
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The Honorable Mayor Garcetti  
City Hall – Room 320  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Attn: Heleen Ramirez

**GRANT APPLICATION - LOPEZ CANYON HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION  
PROJECT**

As recommended in the accompanying report from the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, which this Board has adopted, the Board of Public Works (Board) recommends that the City Council, subject to the concurrence of the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to apply for, negotiate, accept, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure grant funds for the Lopez Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project from the California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grants Program; and
2. ADOPT the accompanying Authorizing Resolution.

Fiscal Impact: There is no impact to the General Fund

Sincerely,

**DR. FERNANDO CAMPOS,**  
Executive Officer, Board of Public Works

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUREAU OF SANITATION BOARD  
REPORT NO. 1  
JUNE 1, 2022

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD  
PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY  
of Los Angeles California

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AND REFERRED TO THE MAYOR

  
Executive Officer  
Board of Public Works  
AND REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR, NEGOTIATE, ACCEPT, AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS FIRE PREVENTION GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE LOPEZ CANYON HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve and forward this report, with its transmittals, to the City Council and Mayor with the recommendation that the City Council, subject to concurrence of the Mayor, authorize the Director and General Manager of LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), or designee, to apply for, negotiate, accept, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure grant funds for the Lopez Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (Project) from the California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grants Program.
2. Request that the City Council, subject to the concurrence of the Mayor, adopt the accompanying Authorizing Resolution (Transmittal 1).

### **TRANSMITTAL**

1. Authorizing Resolution

### **DISCUSSION**

The California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is soliciting proposals for the California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grants Program (Grant). This grant solicitation provides funding for fire prevention projects and activities in and near fire-threatened communities that focus on increasing the protection of people, structures, and communities. Funded activities include hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Project Background**

Historically, the Lopez Canyon and adjacent canyons have periodically experienced wildfires throughout the years, including the 1966 Loop Fire, the 2008 Marek and Sayre Fires, the 2009 Station Fire, the 2019 Saddle Ridge Fire, and the 2020 Bobcat Fire. In addition, the 2016 Kagel Canyon Fire and the 2017-2018 Creek Fire have been within the vicinity of the Lopez Canyon Landfill property. The Creek Fire in particular greatly affected the City's property, the Angeles National Forest, and the communities of Santa Clarita, Glendale, Olive View, Lake View Terrace, Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills, Sylmar, Pacoima, and Kagel Canyon. The Creek Fire burned 15,619 acres and destroyed 123 structures, including 60 homes. A total of 115,000 residents were forced to evacuate their homes during the fire. At the Lopez Canyon Landfill property, the fire destroyed a water pipeline that supplies water to the water tank on top of the landfill (which the Los Angeles Fire Department depends on for fire fighting), landfill gas pipes, heavy-duty equipment, vehicles, and other City assets resulting in more than a \$10 million loss.

LASAN has identified the Project as eligible for grant funding under the Grant. The goal of the Project is to remove hazardous fuels on approximately 40 acres in seven identified areas, each year from 2023 through 2026, to protect nearby communities and land. These areas have been identified due to the proximity of hazardous fuel vegetation and private property. The hazardous fuel removal activities in these areas will include: brush clearing, weed whacking, and tree raising, to allow a minimum of 200 ft. clearance from private property. As part of the Project, LASAN will inform the neighboring community about the removal activities before they are performed each year.

All the collected hazardous fuel, including the woody biomass, will be processed to mulch, compost, or wood chips, which will then be given away free to residents, delivered to farmers, and donated to schools, non-profits, and community groups. Compost has many environmental benefits such as enhancing soil nutrients, retaining moisture, and supporting the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi. Greenhouse gas levels are also reduced via landfill diversion as a result of the on-site processing.

Due to time constraints, LASAN applied for the Grant on February 9, 2022, but can withdraw the application at the discretion of the Board of Public Works. The application is in the amount of \$659,070. The total amount may change depending on the availability of funding and changes to the project costs. Council File 11-0527 authorized LASAN's Director and General Manager, or designee, to prepare and submit applications for grant funding for LASAN's Clean Fuel Program and other environmental programs. This includes opportunities from all private, local, state, or federal grant funding sources.

**PROJECT REVIEW BY DIRECTOR (PRD) APPROVAL**

The PRD provisionally approved a combined total budget of \$659,070, including contingency, for the Project on March 12, 2022.

**STATUS OF FINANCING**

There is no impact to the General Fund. Existing appropriations may change based on available cash balance. Therefore, front-funding will be determined by the Director and General Manager of LASAN or designee upon grant award. Reimbursements from the grant will be deposited into the designated front-funding source using Revenue Source Code 3361 (State Grants - Others).

Respectfully submitted,



BARBARA ROMERO  
Director and General Manager  
Bureau of Sanitation

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:



TRACI J. MINAMIDE, P.E., Chief Operating Officer  
Bureau of Sanitation  
Date: 5/20/22

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RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AND AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BUREAU OF SANITATION AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LOPEZ CANYON HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted the State of California Climate Investment, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, non-profit organizations, and others under the program; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Sanitation ("LA Sanitation and Environment", or "LASAN") proposes to implement the Lopez Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, LASAN has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

WHEREAS, LASAN will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles:

1. Approved the filing of an application for the "California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grants Program"; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles are available to begin the Project; and
4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 15, 2026; and
5. Appoints the Director and General Manager of LASAN, or a designee, 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.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at the meeting thereof held on

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Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

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HOLLY L. WOLCOTT  
City Clerk  
Seal of the Clerk