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SUBJECT: Grant Awarded for Abalone Cove Shoreline Park Improvements

City of Rancho Palos Verdes Awarded $310,830 Grant for Abalone Cove Shoreline Park Improvement Project

In November 2010, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes applied for grant funding under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program for the Abalone Cove Shoreline Park Improvement Project. The project proposed adding landscaping, trails, interpretive signage, shade structures, picnic areas, viewing stations and an exploration play area within a 3.69-acre portion of the City's 80.04-acre Abalone Cove Shoreline Park, located at 5970 Palos Verdes Drive South.

In August 2011, Staff was advised by the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) that they were recommending funding approval for the project to the National Park Service (NPS). On December 7, 2011, OGALS announced that the City had been awarded the grant for the project. The grant required a 1:1 local match of $310,830, for a total project cost of $621,660, with the City's share of this cost included in the FY 2011-2012 budget.

"The preparation and submittal of this successful grant application was truly a collaborative effort," said City Manager Carolyn Lehr.

Those involved in the proposal included City Staff in several departments; the City's grant consultant, Blais & Associates; and a dedicated, volunteer focus group that

included representatives of nearby homeowners, the Los Serenos de Point Vicente docents, the Public Use Master Plan (PUMP) Committee, the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, the Palos Verdes Library District and the Terranea Resort, as well as Councilman (then Planning Commissioner) Jim Knight and Mayor Pro Tem (then Councilman) Brian Campbell.

“The City looks forward to bringing this project to fruition as soon as possible,” said Lehr.

Diagram of Abalone Cove Shoreline Park Improvement Project

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