



# TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

## TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and Town Council    **Date:** September 25, 2018

**From:** Jennifer H. Jackson    **Item No.** 8  
Special Projects Manager

**Subject:** ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-45 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY FOR THE RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM

**T.M. Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Budgeted Item:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Town Council adopt Resolution 2018-45, Authorizing the Application to the California Natural Resources Agency for the River Parkways Grant Program

### SUMMARY:

This resolution will authorize staff to seek \$245,000 in grant funding from the California Natural Resources Agency River Parkways Grant Program to help offset costs from the Mojave Riverwalk North Project (see map - Attachment "A"). As a requirement for acceptance, the California Natural Resources Agency requires a resolution be adopted by the agency's governing body and submitted as part of the grant application.

### BACKGROUND:

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the "Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006." This program awards funds on a competitive basis providing local agencies the opportunity for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of river parkways in accordance with the California River Parkways Act of 2004.

The California Natural Resources Agency River Parkways Grant Program will provide an estimated \$7 million to state, local and nonprofit entities for river parkway projects that provide public access along rivers, streams, creeks (e.g., trails & parks along rivers, creek restoration, low-impact flood management projects).

The Mojave Riverwalk North Project ("Project") is a 1-mile segment of 12' wide, 5" thick, concrete paved multi-use trail, including three rest areas with benches and signage,

located between Bear Valley Road and Sitting Bull Road. The pathway will connect the Mojave Riverwalk North segment to the Victor Valley College Campus, shopping at Jess Ranch Marketplace, neighborhoods north of Bear Valley Road, and local area destinations. The project also includes plans for a trailhead/staging area at the north terminus of the trail. The existing Mojave Riverwalk South and proposed North segment (this project) will meet at Bear Valley Road at the Bear Valley Road bridge.

The Project is part of a multi-agency plan (the Mojave Riverwalk Trail Master Plan) developed by the City of Victorville Public Works Department which calls for the construction of an 8-mile multi-use trail that will run along the Mojave River levee from Interstate 15 to the north, to Tussing Ranch Road to the south. The trail is designed to be a combination of paved and earthen pathways and is intended to provide pedestrian and bicycle users an alternative route between the downtown area and the College. Presently, a 0.83-mile portion of the trail has been completed in Victorville and a 3-mile portion (Mojave Riverwalk South) in Apple Valley. The proposed Project will complete the Apple Valley portion of the Mojave Riverwalk.

Preliminary concepts are due September 27, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Local Match = \$267,230 (source: LTF, in-kind staff time).

## **RESOLUTION NO: 2018-45**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of an application by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Mojave Riverwalk North;
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application;
3. Certifies that Applicant will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so;
4. Certifies that it will comply with all provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code;
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained;
6. Certifies that the applicant will work towards the State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
7. Appoints the Town Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

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Art Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk

