County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation Awarded $15 Million ORLP Grant from the National Park Service

California Consulting is pleased to announce that our client, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks), has been awarded a $15,000,000 grant through the National Park Service's Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program. This transformative funding will support LA County Park's plan to repurpose the former Puente Hills Landfill into the county's first new regional park in over 30 years.

The new park will provide diverse recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities to a wide audience with a strategic focus on park-poor communities. The ORLP program is designed to help urban communities improve access to public parks, promoting health, well-being, and social connectivity. With this grant, LA County Parks will be able to develop new outdoor facilities and revitalize existing ones, creating safe and welcoming spaces for the community to enjoy nature, recreation, and leisure activities. These efforts align with the county's ongoing mission to foster environmental sustainability and improve quality of life for all residents.

"This National Park Service grant will allow us to continue the remarkable transformation of this former landfill into beautiful and welcoming green parkland spaces" ***said Norma E. García-González (Director of Los Angeles County Parks)***. "As nature is welcomed back and native plants are returned to the hills, the site is already becoming a popular walking destination for a community that desperately needs healthy outdoor recreation."

This successful grant application was made possible by the collaboration between the County of Los Angeles administration and California Consulting's Project Manager, Tim Lewis. Their teamwork and dedication played a pivotal role in securing this significant funding, which will have a lasting impact on the community.

California Consulting extends its heartfelt congratulations to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for securing this major grant. We are honored to support the county in its mission to enhance public access to outdoor recreation and create vibrant, sustainable green spaces. This achievement highlights the power of strategic grant writing to address critical environmental justice goals for communities that deserve green outdoor recreation.

About the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation manages 182 parks. It also operates a network of 9 regional parks, 38 neighborhood parks, 20 community parks, 16 wildlife sanctuaries, 8 nature centers, 41 public swimming pools, 23 splash pads, 14 lakes including 3 with swimming beaches, more than 240 miles of multi-use trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, and the largest municipal golf system in the nation, consisting of 20 golf courses at 18 facilities. The department also maintains four botanical centers: The Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, the South Coast Botanic Garden, Descanso Gardens, and Virginia Robinson Gardens. The department also owns the iconic Hollywood Bowl, and the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre, providing County residents with valuable entertainment and cultural resources. Visit: https://parks.lacounty.gov/