

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 08-42

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS FOR PARK MAINTENANCE AND MINOR DEVELOPMENT WORK

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Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the proposed three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, and subject to the approval of the Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney as to form, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the California Conservation Corps (CCC) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the three-year period of the MOU;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the proposed MOU to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to the City Attorney for review as to form; and
3. Authorize the General Manager to expeditiously execute the MOU, upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

The CCC is a workforce development program that provides educational and work opportunities to young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 years to instill basic skills and work ethic. The relationship between CCC and RAP has been mutually beneficial for a number of reasons; some examples are vegetation management, trail clearing and construction, tree planting, irrigation system installation, and erosion control.

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The CCC also provides an opportunity for youth in our communities to participate in a unique program that builds character, self-esteem, and self-discipline; it also helps establish a strong sense of civic responsibility. This vision is in accordance with RAP goals and is viewed by staff as a logical extension of the mission of RAP. To accomplish this statutory mandate, the California Public Resources Code (Section 14000 et seq.) specifically authorizes the CCC to engage in public works projects and to furnish services to, and be reimbursed by, local public entities.

A previous three-year MOU between RAP and CCC expired January 1, 2008. Under that MOU, the CCC did work in the Pacific Region. CCC removed aquatic vegetation from Machado Lake at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park to create a 10-foot wide moat or channel. They also removed exotic plants and trash/litter as needed. Staff indicated that the partnership and quality of work was good.

The proposed MOU would allow RAP to utilize CCC services on an as-needed basis, with tasks assigned by means of a work order and then compensated, as agreed upon prior to the outset of the project, upon completion of the task(s). The costs would be based on estimates provided by CCC on a task-by-task basis.

An example of such work would be in Griffith Park to rehabilitate Dante's View and Captain's Roost that were heavily damaged by the May 2007 fire. This project will consist of the installation of new 60% recycled perimeter fencing, landscaping, site grading, trail steps, and retaining wall installation.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funds to pay for the work at Dante's View and Captain's Roost will come from a Proposition 12 grant. For other projects, funds may be allocated from Fund 302, Department 88, Contractual Services Account 3040 or may also become available from special funds.

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