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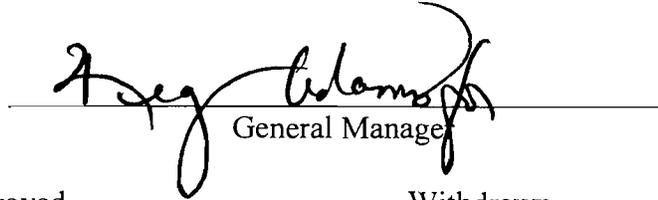
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SUBJECT: RANGER DIVISION – DONATION OF A HORSE

R. Adams _____
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V. Israel _____

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M. Shull _____


General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the donation as noted in the Summary of this Report and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

In October of 2008, the Park Ranger Mounted Unit was re-established through a donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. The Park Ranger Mounted Unit is responsible for conducting horse patrols, making presentations for interpretive programs, and representing the Recreation and Parks department at various events. A local horse trainer, Heidi Paul, has assisted the Park Ranger Mounted Unit in training both Park Rangers and their Ranger horses to become a competent and proficient unit.

In demonstration of community support for the Mounted Unit's continuing existence and development, Ms. Paul has donated a horse, "Rain Dance," to the Mounted Unit. Rain Dance is a 20-year old Arabian mare, 14.3 hands in size and Sorrel in color.

Accepting the donation of Rain Dance will allow the Ranger Mounted Unit to have three sound horses for patrol of park trails. This will also expand the capability of the Mounted Rangers to provide a presence at various regional parks as well as at Department functions and activities.

This donation is estimated to be valued at \$1,000.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

In accepting this donation the Department will become responsible for the feeding, stabling, medical care and general maintenance of Rain Dance at an estimated annual cost of \$8,400.

Report prepared by Senior Park Ranger Sharie Abajian, Mounted Unit supervisor.