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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-86

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM 2014-2015 – RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the submission of a Summer Food Service Program 2014-2015 (SFSP) grant application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Summer Lunch Program in the approximate amount of \$900,000.00, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant application to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
3. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the SFSP grant award, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$900,000.00 from the CDE for RAP's Summer Lunch Program, subject to approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project(s); and,

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the SFSP grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$900,000.00 for RAP's Summer Lunch Program.

SUMMARY:

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded program administered by the California Department of Education (CDE) that reimburses agencies for providing nutritious meals to children eighteen (18) years of age and younger. The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) submits an annual application to the CDE for its Summer Lunch Program. The application for the program was submitted on March 26, 2015.

RAP has participated in the SFSP since 1975. The program provides free lunches at over a hundred (100) parks with RAP summer day camp activities during the summer months when the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is not in session. All of the sites are "drop-in" sites where meals are available to all children in the area. Children do not need to apply, meet eligibility requirements, sign up, or sign in. The lunches are nutritious and well-balanced meals that meet Federal meal pattern requirements.

The SFSP currently reimburses RAP at a rate of \$3.5875 per lunch, which is calculated based on the number of "first" meals (meals served that do not include leftovers or second servings to the same children) with an allowance for second servings to be claimed. For summer 2014, RAP served 192,909 lunches and was reimbursed \$672,770.00 (based on the 2013-2014 reimbursement rate of \$3.4875). LAUSD's Food Services Division provided the healthy lunches in summer 2014 under contract, and we are working with them again to be the provider this year.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Projected expenses for the Summer Lunch Program for 2015 are approximately \$940,000.00. The anticipated reimbursement is \$878,000.00. The Program will run one (1) week longer this year due to school schedules, additionally, there was an increase in the price per lunch. As a result, there will be a fiscal impact of approximately \$62,000.00 to RAP's General Fund.

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