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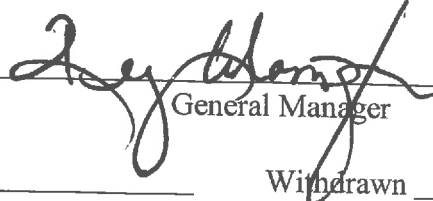
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SUBJECT: CABRILLO BEACH 2015 MONTROSE SETTLEMENTS RESTORATION PROGRAM - FISHING OUTREACH MINI-GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT PROPOSAL; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

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 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve retroactively the submission of a 2015 Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) Fishing Outreach Mini-Grant proposal to augment funding for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Cabrillo Beach Pier Fishing Program (CBPFP) in the amount of \$15,000.00, subject to the approval of the Mayor and the City Council;
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant proposal 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 Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
3. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the 2015 MSRP Fishing Outreach Mini-Grant, if awarded, in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the MSRP to conduct the CBPFP for the summer of 2015, subject to the 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 request, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and,

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and to appropriate funding received to the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the MSRP grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the CBPFP, if awarded.

SUMMARY:

On February 24, 2015, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was provided only thirty-days advance notice of the 2015 Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) Fishing Outreach Mini-Grant opportunity. The MSRP is a multi-agency government program that was created in 2001 following the settlement of a lawsuit against impacts to the natural environment caused by the release of contaminants into the marine ecosystem in Southern California through a wastewater outfall pipe located offshore of the Palos Verdes peninsula. Releases of these chemicals led to impacts on marine life, and reduced fishing activities because of fish contamination. Among various projects included in the MSRP's 2005 Restoration Plan, MSRP established an educational mini-grant program to support youth fishing programs that teach children about local fish contamination and safe fishing practices. Applications for the 2015 mini-grant program were due on March 25, 2015.

For over 20 years, RAP administered the Cabrillo Beach Pier Fishing Program (CBPFP) at Cabrillo Beach. The CBPFP was held in summer over a nine-week period. The program transported youth ages 8-16 from RAP's summer day camps to Cabrillo and supplied them with bait, fishing poles, instruction on how to fish, and two hours of hands-on fishing activity from the Pier. In 2010, the program was terminated due to budget constraints. In 2011, RAP applied for and was awarded a \$5,000 grant under MSRP's mini-grant program which allowed restoration of the CBPFP and participation of about 250 youth.

Since that first success, RAP has received annual grants each summer, for escalating amounts. For 2014, RAP applied for and received \$15,000 to increase participation to fifteen (15) buses bringing 450 summer camp youth to the program. Through efficiencies that reduced some program administration costs and lower costs for bait and equipment, the Department was able to use the funding to sponsor two (2) extra buses, bringing the total participation for 2014 to 568 summer campers.

The maximum grant of \$15,000.00 has been requested again for 2015. If awarded, the grant funds would be used to conduct at least fifteen (15) four-hour sessions over the summer for 450 youth from RAP summer day camps at recreation centers located within at-risk communities. Youth will be transported by bus and be met by part-time staff trained to educate the youth about the local coastal environment, our role and responsibilities in the ocean eco-system, and safe fishing practices as well as how to bait a hook, cast a fishing line, and catch and release fish. MSRP provides materials for these sessions which can be taken home as well.

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The Superintendents and Principal Recreation Supervisors in the all three (3) regions support continuation of this program for 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

RAP will provide in-kind support for this program with existing staff to administer the program and coordinate youth groups for some equipment such as fishing poles and educational posters that can be used for other recreation center field trips. The Montrose Settlements Restoration Program gives stronger consideration to proposals that provide matching funds or in-kind support. All direct costs of staff time specifically to educating and interacting with participants are included in the funding requested in this mini-grant.

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