

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUMMARY:

On March 26, 2012, the Department was notified of a MSRP Outreach Mini-Grant opportunity. The MSRP was created as a result of the settlement of a lawsuit against impacts to the natural environment caused by the release of Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) into the marine ecosystem in Southern California and established the Fishing Outreach Mini-Grants. The intent of the grant is to fund existing or newly developed fishing programs that include topics about fish contamination and safe fishing practices. The grant proposal was due April 13, 2012, and was submitted on April 12, 2012.

In April 2011, the Department applied for the MSRP Mini-Grant and was awarded \$5,000 to conduct the Cabrillo Beach Pier Fishing Program (CBPFP), which provided 8 distinct four-hour hands-on pier fishing sessions throughout the summer months for approximately 250 youth, ages 8-16 years, who attend a Department summer day camp program at selected recreation centers located within at-risk communities of the City of Los Angeles (Board Report 11-200). The participants are transported from their recreation center by bus to and from the Cabrillo Beach Pier where Department part time staff members educate youth about the local coastal environment and safe fishing practices as well as how to bait a hook, cast a fishing line, and catch and release fish.

If awarded, the funds will be used to expand the program to 10 program sessions, serving approximately 300 youth ages 8 to 16 years old for the summer of 2012.

The Department is requesting retroactive authority to apply for the MSRP Fishing Outreach Mini-Grants to support CBPFP.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The grant proposal gives stronger considerations to proposals that provide matching funds or in-kind support. The Department intends to fulfill the grant's match requirement in the form of in-kind contributions, (e.g. labor, materials, services, and equipment).

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