RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment to Operating Agreement, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, with Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for the maintenance and operation of the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) White Point Park Nature Preserve, as described in the Summary of this Report, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council, and of the City Attorney as to form;

2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Amendment to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendment upon receipt of the necessary approvals.
SUMMARY:

On October 3, 2001, the Board, through Board Report No. 01-371, approved an Operating Agreement with Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) for the long-term maintenance and operations of the RAP’s White Point Park Nature Preserve (Park). The term of the agreement is twenty-five (25) years. The Agreement was executed on February 22, 2002 and is set to expire on February 21, 2027. With the execution of the agreement, the opportunity to raise both public and private funds for the development and/or restoration of the nature preserve was enhanced.

Recently, RAP applied for and was awarded an $184,500 grant from the State of California – Habitat Conservation Fund. The purpose of the grant is to provide educational programs at the White Point Park Nature Preserve. Since, PVPLC is the current operator of the Park; RAP intends to transfer the funds to PVPLC for the implementation of the educational programs. However, in the course of this effort, it was discovered that the current agreement did not allow for the transfer of funds from the RAP to PVPLC.

Therefore, staff is recommending that the Operating Agreement be amended to include a provision that allows for the transfer of funds to PVPLC.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department’s General Fund as all the work associated with this particular park site is the responsibility of PVPLC.

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