RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a 2013 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 approximate amount of $10,000, 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 2013 MSRP Fishing Outreach Mini-Grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of $10,000 from the MSRP to conduct the CBPFP for the summer of 2013, 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,
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to appropriate funding received to the necessary account within “Recreation and Parks Grant” Fund 205 to accept the MSRP grant in the approximate amount of $10,000 for the CBPFP, if awarded.

SUMMARY:

On February 25, 2013, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was notified of the 2013 Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) Fishing 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-Grant. 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 is due by March 25, 2013.

For the past two summers (2011 and 2012), RAP has been awarded the MSRP Fishing Outreach Mini-Grant to augment funding for the Cabrillo Beach Pier Fishing Program (CBPFP), which provides 10 distinct four-hour hands-on pier fishing sessions throughout the summer months for approximately 300 youth, ages 8-16 years, who attend a RAP summer day camp program at selected recreation centers located within at-risk communities of the City of Los Angeles. Program participants are transported from their respective recreation centers by bus to and from the Cabrillo Beach Pier where RAP 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 grant funds would be used to continue support of the CBPFP, which anticipates serving approximately 300 youth, ages 8 to 16 years, for the summer of 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Montrose Settlements Restoration Program gives stronger consideration to proposals that provide matching funds or in-kind support. RAP intends to provide in-kind support in the form of labor and existing materials and equipment.

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