



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 22, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Parma Park Trust Funds For The Maintenance Of Parma Park

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$74,859 in the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2012 Miscellaneous Grants Fund for maintenance of Parma Park funded from a donation from the Parma Park Trust.

DISCUSSION:

Parma Park, one of the City's 11 open space parks, comprises 200 acres. Located in the upper Sycamore Creek watershed and generally bounded by Sycamore Canyon Road, Mountain Drive, and Montecito, Parma Park provides passive recreation opportunities to hikers and equestrians. Mountain biking is limited to fire roads within the park. Harold Parma, along with his family, deeded Parma Park to the City in November 1973. The Parma Park Trust (Trust), established in 2000, provides funds to support the preservation and maintenance of the park. Each year the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) submits an annual maintenance plan and reports expenditures to the Parma Park (Trustee). Maintenance activities that are funded by the Trust include trail maintenance, defensible space vegetation management, trail signage, olive grove restoration, exotic invasive plant management, and native habitat restoration. The Trust does not provide financial support for Parks Division staff.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Each calendar year, the Trustee disburses funds from the Parma Park Trust to support park maintenance. In January 2012, the Department received \$74,859 from the Trust. The Parma Park account in the Department's Miscellaneous Grants Fund currently has a balance of \$51,484. With the additional appropriation of \$74,859, the account balance will be \$126,343. Maintenance expenditures vary from year to year. The Department anticipates expenditures over the next 12 months will total \$73,000.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Located within the upper Sycamore Creek Watershed, Parma Park provides 200 acres of undeveloped open space for the passive outdoor recreation benefits. Preservation and enhancement of Parma Park protects community natural resources.

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