



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 28, 2014

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 by \$76,037 in the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2014 Miscellaneous Grants Fund for maintenance of Parma Park.

DISCUSSION:

Parma Park, one of the City's eleven 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 co-Trustees of the Parma Park Trust. 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.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Each calendar year, the Trustee disburses funds from the Parma Park Trust to support park maintenance. In December 2013, the Department received \$76,037 from the Trust. The Parma Park account in the Department's Fiscal Year 2014 Miscellaneous Grants Funds currently has a balance of \$99,896. With the additional appropriation of \$76,037, the account balance will be \$175,933. Maintenance expenditures vary from year to year. The Department anticipates expenditures over the next 12 months will total \$76,000. Unused appropriated funds at the end of Fiscal Year 2014 will be carried forward into Fiscal Year 2015.

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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