



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 15, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Grant Application For The Environmental Enhancement And Mitigation Program For The Arroyo Burro Restoration At Barger Canyon

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Director, or Designee, to Submit a Grant Application for Grant Funds from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for the Arroyo Burro Restoration at Barger Canyon.

DISCUSSION:

In December 2013, the Creeks Division purchased a 14-acre parcel in Barger Canyon in order to preserve and restore 2,100 linear feet of Arroyo Burro. The parcel, including the riparian corridor, was degraded in the past due to agricultural development. The Creeks Division is currently developing a design to restore this reach of Arroyo Burro. The goals of the project are to improve water quality, restore the degraded riparian corridor, and improve wildlife habitat.

The Creeks Division is actively pursuing grant funds to help pay for restoration of the parcel. The Creeks Division has identified the Caltran's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant program as a possible source of funds for the restoration effort. In order to apply for grant funds from the EEMP, a resolution from the City Council is required.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The purpose of this project is to improve water quality and riparian habitat in Arroyo Burro. These efforts will contribute to local, regional, and federal objectives of improving water quality and riparian habitat.

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SUBMITTED BY: Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office