



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** February 2, 2016

**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 \$83,792 in the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2016 Miscellaneous Grants Fund for maintenance of Parma Park.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Parma Park, one of the City's 11 open space parks, comprises 200 acres. 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 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. In 2016, the Department will be developing a trail restoration plan for review and approval by the Trust Co-Trustees.

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.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Each calendar year, the Co-Trustees disburse funds from the Trust to support park maintenance. In November 2015, the Department received \$83,792 from the Trust. The Department anticipates expenditures for 2016 will total \$55,140. The balance of the funds will be carried forward for the implementation of a trail restoration plan in Fiscal Year 2017.

**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.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office