



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 14, 2017

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 \$86,437 in the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2017 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 2017, the Department will begin implementing the preliminary Sustainable Trail Plan for the 5.5 miles of trails within Parma Park. The 2017 annual maintenance plan and the multi-year Sustainable Trail Plan were reviewed and approved by the Trust Co-Trustees in December 2016.

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 and special projects. In December 2016, the Department received \$86,437 from the Trust. With the appropriation of the 2016 Trust disbursement, the Parma Park Maintenance account balance will be \$313,994. The 2017 annual maintenance budget is \$58,250, and the estimated cost for implementation of the Sustainable Trail Plan is

\$203,567. Unused appropriated funds at the end of Fiscal Year 2017 will be carried forward into Fiscal Year 2018.

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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