

# STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 11  
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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DATE: January 14, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Economic and Community Development Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE \$40,000 FROM THE UNALLOCATED FUND BALANCE OF THE SANTA FE MESA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO THE OPERATING ACCOUNT, FOR VEGETATION ABATEMENT WITHIN THE FIRE BUFFER ZONES**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 from the Santa Fe Mesa Landscape Maintenance District unallocated fund balance to the operating account, for vegetation abatement within the fire buffer zones.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Oceanside has established thirteen Landscape Maintenance Assessment Districts ("LMADs") which are funded by homeowners within those districts through the property tax system. From the revenue generated, the City has the responsibility to maintain common areas and slopes within the boundaries of each of the districts. Each district account is maintained and billed separately for work performed. Any collected revenue at the end of each fiscal year, that is not used, increases the fund balance for future years.

The Santa Fe Mesa LMAD began Fiscal Year 2008/09 with a budget reduced by forty percent for the third straight year. In Fiscal Year's 2006/07 and 2007/08, many vegetation abatement projects were completed while others were deferred because of this reduced budget.

## **ANALYSIS**

This year's shortfall was anticipated but the actual funds needed for the vegetation abatement projects weren't known until the completion of some projects. These abatement projects are designed to, as much as possible, eliminate future reoccurrence of fire issues in these same areas so there should be a reduction of abatement projects in the future. The funds requested will be used for vegetation abatement within the fire buffer zones.

The LMAD is a self-supporting entity with no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The \$40,000 for vegetation abatement will be appropriated from the Santa Fe Mesa LMAD (247.3301) and transferred to the operating account (247.647370.5211.58075). The unallocated fund balance in the Santa Fe Mesa LMAD is \$120,174, therefore, sufficient funds are available.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Does not apply. The Santa Fe Mesa Ad hoc Committee no longer exists.

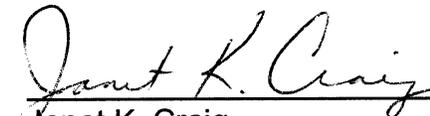
**CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS**

City Attorney analysis does not apply.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 from the Santa Fe Mesa Landscape Maintenance District unallocated fund balance to the operating account, for vegetation abatement within the fire buffer zones.

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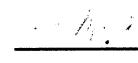
  
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