ITEM NO. 14

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: January 20, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Economic and Community Development Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A $14,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE MARLADO HIGHLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO THE MARLADO HIGHLANDS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OPERATING ACCOUNT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept a $14,000 contribution from the Marlado Highlands Homeowners Association and approve a budget appropriation of these funds to the Marlado Highlands Landscape Maintenance District operating account.

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 through assessments levied in each district, the City has the responsibility to maintain landscaped medians and slopes within the boundaries of each of the respective districts. Each district account is maintained and billed separately for work performed. The Marlado Highland Landscape Maintenance Assessment District ("Marlado LMAD") is one of the thirteen LMADs.

Over the past few years the revenue generated by the assessments levied within the Marlado LMAD has not been sufficient to cover the expenses associated with the landscape maintenance. In lieu of raising the assessments within the Marlado LMAD, the Marlado Highlands Homeowners Association ("Association") has been contributing excess Association funds to offset expenses. This year the Association Board of Directors is again desirous of contributing $14,000 to be used for landscape maintenance.

ANALYSIS

The $14,000 contribution from the Association will be used for landscape upgrades and irrigation upgrades to reduce maintenance needs and water usage. Acceptance of the $14,000 contribution from the Association will allow the Marlado LMAD to offset its landscape maintenance expenses without the need for the homeowners within the Marlado

LMAD to go through a ballot measure to vote on increasing the assessments to cover expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT

The $14,000 will be deposited to the Mar Lado Highlands LMAD account (320319249.4380) and appropriated to the operating account (320319249.5320). The LMAD is a self-supporting entity with no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

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