

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 21

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: June 20, 2007

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$10,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the acceptance of \$10,000 in grant funds from the San Diego Smart Landscape Program of the San Diego County Water Authority awarded to the Oceanside Public Works Parks Maintenance Program to help improve water use and efficiency at John Landes Park, and approval to budget these funds to the Public Works Department.

BACKGROUND

This grant is supported by the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) as part of its Landscape Assistance Program. Its intent is to achieve water savings by providing an incentive to customers to replace existing irrigation equipment with new, efficient equipment and hardware. A maximum of \$10,000 can be awarded to public sites and all funds must be spent on irrigation hardware.

John Landes Park was chosen as the site of the installation of new irrigation equipment including a new pump to boost water pressure for maximum efficiency.

ANALYSIS

As the regional source of water for San Diego County, the SDCWA frequently has programs and incentives to conserve water. The past several years have seen many incentive programs for the interiors of homes – examples include the toilet voucher program and the free low-flow shower head program. As nearly 50 percent of all water in the county is used outdoors, the agency is currently focusing its attention on conserving water outside of homes and businesses. This Smart Landscape Program grant is part of that conservation effort.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$10,000 in grant funds has been deposited into revenue account 1010.4456.00095. A budget appropriation of \$10,000 to the Parks Maintenance Program (101.416240.5211) will allow the terms of the grant to be met. This grant is handled as a reimbursement program for work already completed at John Landes Park. It will result in a savings to the General Fund of the \$10,000 plus any water savings. Plus the new irrigation system will dramatically improve the appearance of the park.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS

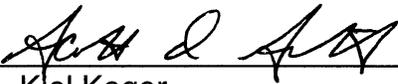
City Attorney analysis does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

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