

*STAFF REPORT**CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

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DATE: August 15, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Economic and Community Development Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,766 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 contribution in the amount of \$18,766 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 \$18,766 to be used for landscape maintenance.

**ANALYSIS**

The \$18,766 contribution from the Association will allow the Marlado LMAD to offset its landscape maintenance expenses, supplementing the inadequate assessment, 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 \$18,766 will be deposited to the MarLado Highlands LMAD account (320319249.4143) and appropriated to the operating account (320319249.5320) for FY 12/13. The LMAD is a self-supporting entity with no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

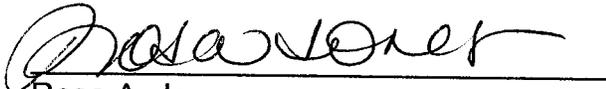
**CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS**

Does not apply.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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