



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: June 9, 2010

ATTENTION: Natural Resource and Culture Committee
Agenda of June 16, 2010

SUBJECT: MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

REQUESTED ACTION:

Accept the report and refer the item to the full City Council for action on the 1) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement with KTU&A to provide consultant services for preparation of the Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update, Natural Resources Management Plan and Environmental document; 2) authorizing the expenditure of up to \$547,219 from WBS S-01014, MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE for the purpose of executing this agreement; 3) authorizing the transfer of \$85,000 from WBS S-10066, MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK TRAIL REALIGNMENTS, Fund No. 200391, and \$179,829 from unallocated Fund No. 200403, Mission Trails Regional Park Fund, to WBS S-01014, Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update; 4) authorizing a \$264,829 increase to the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Improvements Program Budget in WBS S-01014, Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update; and 5) authorizing the Chief Financial Officer, upon advice from the Administering Department, to return excess funds if any, to the appropriate reserves.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Report and refer the item to the full City Council for action.

SUMMARY:

This project provides for an update to the 1985 Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) Master Plan to identify completed capital projects and to guide future development and preservation within the park. A Natural Resource Management Plan will also be prepared and incorporated into the master plan document to provide City park rangers with information and tools to manage the Park's sensitive resources.

MTRP faces numerous challenges and issues due to the high number of visitors and the Park's location within a densely populated area. Extensive recreational use, illegal off-road vehicle activity, erosion, urban runoff, and invasive non-native plants are potential threats to the continued health of the Park's natural resources. The MTRP Natural Resource Management Plan is a part of the implementation task of the City of San Diego's Multiple Species Conservation

Program (MSCP officially adopted on March 18, 1997, with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game approving the plan on July 17, 1997.) This project will implement the recommendations found in the MSCP, is consistent with the Navajo and Tierrasanta Community Plans, and is in conformance with the City's General Plan.

CONCLUSION:

Preparation of a Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update and Natural Resources Management Plan would ensure a comprehensive planning document giving guidance to the future development and programming of Mission Trails Regional Park for the next 25 years, and ensure the protection and management of its natural resources through development of the Natural Resources Management Plan.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

The total estimated cost of this project is \$884,829. The contract amount is \$497,219 for base services and \$50,000 for additional services. Funding in the amount of \$549,861 is currently appropriated in WBS S-01014, Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update for this purpose.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE AND PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS:

None.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

It is anticipated that the project will consist of 3 publicly noticed workshops. The Master Plan Update and Natural Resources Management Plan will be reviewed by the following committees:

1. Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee
2. Park and Recreation Board Design Review Committee
3. Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:

1. Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee
2. General Park Users

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