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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Park and Recreation Open Space Division Deputy Director

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ann Hix to the position of Deputy Director of the Open Space Division in the Park and Recreation Department effective October 21, 2002. This position is responsible for the management and operation of over 33,000 acres of open space park lands and other city-owned open space, much of which is conserved within the city's Multiple Species Conservation Program. Additionally, this position will direct the development of a citywide trails master plan, and will oversee 37 maintenance assessment districts and 69 gas-tax funded street medians.

Ann has been with the City of San Diego for 15 years, the first eight as a Principal Planner in the Development and Environmental Planning Division Environmental Analysis Section, responsible for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, development of the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program preserve design and management plan, and rewriting of city environmental regulations. For the last seven years, Ann has been a Program Manager in the Special Projects Department, responsible for monitoring Ballpark mitigation implementation, coordinating downtown homeless issues, and developing and overseeing the citywide volunteer program. Prior to coming to the city, Ann was a project manager for a residential development company, a manager and a vice president for two environmental consulting firms, and a senior analyst with the Local Agency Formation Commission. She has been a frequent speaker at seminars on environmental policy and regulation, and, prior to her City employment, served on the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board from 1984-87. Ann is very

involved in local public school issues, and has served for over 10 years on the Executive Boards of three different Point Loma public school foundations.

Please join me in welcoming Ann to the Park and Recreation management team.

Respectfully submitted,

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