City of FRESNO **REPORT TO THE CITYCOUNCIL**

AGENDA ITEM NO.	1 H
COUNCIL MEETING	2/17/11
APPROVED BY	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
CITY MANAGER	

February 17, 2011

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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A $15,000 AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY (SJRC) FOR THE LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution to accept the $15,000 contractual agreement, between the City of Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department and the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) for the PARCS Life and Environmental Science Program, and authorizing the Assistant City Manager, or designated representative, as agent of the City of Fresno to execute the agreement for the next 10 years, provided that no major changes to the contract are required

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Council approved a service agreement between the San Joaquin River Conservancy and the PARCS Department on December 17, 2009 for the Community Science and Life and Environmental Science programs. The program was a great success with over 500 participants served. Most importantly, the program provided multiple recreational and educational enrichment opportunities for underserved youth about the natural habitat on the San Joaquin River while promoting stewardship of the environment.

BACKGROUND

The San Joaquin River Conservancy has management responsibilities for 2,541 acres of State lands in the San Joaquin River Parkway. The PARCS and SJRC partnership has grown over the last several years. In 2010 the funding allowed for the purchase of canoes, field explorations, paddle-abouts, aquatic and water quality studies, geocaching, nature mapping, nature observation, hiking, and bird watching. The program served 534 participants including at-risk youth from City neighborhood and community centers. Many of the participants had never gone canoeing; and despite the proximity of the San Joaquin River to the city, many of them had not been near the river. Participants were also engaged in river clean-ups to promote environmental stewardship.

The new contractual agreement for 2011 is again for $15,000 and will provide funding for the Life and Environmental Science-associated program costs. The contract requires a minimum ratio of one staff member or trained volunteer per ten participants. The PARCS Department will work in collaboration with trained River

Tree Volunteers to take participants to the San Joaquin River. It is anticipated that the contract will be extended for the next ten years. Staff is requesting authorization to sign the documents on an annual basis; and unless there are major changes in the contract other than the dates and amount, the documents will not need to go through legal review.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund as a result of accepting the funds, which will continue to cover 100% of temporary staff cost and supplies. Funds will be appropriated in the FY 2011-2012 PARCS budget, as implementation of a majority of the program will occur after June 30th.

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Attachment: Resolution

Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA
AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN CITY OF FRESNO PARCS DEPARTMENT AND THE SAN JOAQUIN
RIVER CONCERVANCY FOR THE LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC), an agency of the State of California, has management responsibility for 2,541 acres of State lands in the San Joaquin River Parkway, and may only provide public recreational and educational use of its lands if those activities are properly managed to protect public safety, wildlife, natural resources, and adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, SJRC has awarded the City of Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Department fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) to its on-going Life and Environmental Science (LES) Program; and

WHEREAS, the LES Program will provide informal hands-on learning opportunities for underserved youth, seniors, and the general public, that help increase awareness and interest in the natural world; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the SJRC requires the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of designated staff authorized to sign all contracts and documents associated with this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fresno hereby:

1. Approves acceptance of the $15,000 grant from the San Joaquin River Conservancy for the LES program; and

2. Appoints the Assistant City Manager as agent of the City of Fresno to conduct all negotiations and execute and submittal documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current State and Federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned program, subject to prior approval to form by City Attorney's Office, provided that no major changes to the current contract are required.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2011.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2011

Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2011

Mayor Veto: _____, 2011

Council Override Vote: _____, 2011

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By _____
Senior Deputy