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AGENDA ITEM 8

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Parks and Recreation Commission  
City of Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: Integrated Pest Management Program Update**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide, All Council Districts

**RECOMMENDATION:** This report is for information only.

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**FOR MEETING OF:** January 8, 2009

**SUMMARY:**

This report provides general information and an overview of the development of the Park Operations Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Park Operations Division is currently part of a multi-agency Pesticide Advisory Committee that has developed an IPM policy and is in the process of developing a citywide IPM Program. Members of the committee include Dan Giammona (Park Operations Manager), Kyle Raphael (Park Operations Superintendent), representatives from the City of Sacramento Utilities Department and Solid Waste Division, and the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources

In August 2008 the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) presented a sustainability plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The citywide IPM policy developed by the Pesticide Advisory Committee was part of that sustainability plan. The IPM policy in the sustainability plan serves as a template for each department to develop and implement their own IPM policy and program tailored to their specific environmental issues and concerns.

### **Program Overview**

DPR's IPM Program is being developed to ensure the Park Operations Division uses appropriate chemical and non-chemical procedures to control pests and invasive weeds in City of Sacramento parks. DPR's program will focus on long-term prevention and solutions that are concurrent with the citywide and countywide IPM policies as well as advocate use of non-chemical means of controlling pests where feasible. The ultimate goal of the program is to eliminate use of all chemicals to control pests. All aspects of the IPM Program will be in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the use of pesticides in parks. Pesticides as referenced in this report include: herbicides, insecticides, and rodenticides.

Park Operations will create a committee charged with the development of DPR's IPM Program. The IPM Program will address all aspects of pesticide design, management, application, and monitoring. The committee will be made up of representatives from the Parks and Recreation Commission, Park Planning and Development Services, General Services, and DPR's Recreation and Park Operations Divisions. The DPR IPM policy and program will:

- Set thresholds for use of chemicals in the parks and around facilities.
- Specify zones for parks and facilities where chemicals can and will be applied.
- Provide written recommendations from a certified Pesticide Control Advisor for use and application of chemicals.
- Define a Turf and Pond Management Program.
- Define pesticide management activities that are performed by City Staff and contracted services. All pesticide applications are to be in compliance with federal and local laws and regulations.
- Design a written plan that identifies pests and weeds, establishes a monitoring program, and evaluates cultural and environmental conditions.

Parks Operations will develop a written, approved IPM Policy by the end of 2009.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Costs for implementation of an IPM program are unknown at this time. DPR will use existing General Fund resources dedicated to pest control to finance implementation of an IPM program. DPR's budget will have to be augmented by grants, General Fund increases, or a combination of funding sources to finance IPM Program costs in excess of what is currently budgeted for pest control.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Development of the IPM program is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability.

The IPM program is also consistent with the following Department of Parks and Recreation's 2005-2010 Master Plan policies:

**Policy 8.7:** Invest in well-maintained parks vital to the City's environmental, social and economic health.


**Policy 8.9:** Utilize integrated pest management (IPM) to minimize chemical use in controlling insects, plant diseases, weeds and other pests.

**Policy 11.1:** Develop "sustainable design" policies and standards for the planting and care of trees and grasses, turf and other vegetation for the reduction of water and energy use.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

No goods or services are being procured by the City of Sacramento with this report.

Recommendation Approved:

  
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January 6, 2009

Parks and Recreation Commission  
Sacramento, California

**SUBJECT: Department of Parks and Recreation's Objectives for 2009**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review objectives and discuss the Commission's role and involvement in the items.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

**FOR MEETING DATE OF:** January 8, 2009

**SUMMARY:** An outcome of planning and communication workshops with the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2007 was to conduct periodic planning sessions and jointly review upcoming key objectives, issues, and major projects for parks and recreation, and to determine how Commissioners would be involved in these items over time. This report lists key objectives for FY 2007/08, and lays out objectives for 2009 for review and discussion.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In September 2007, the Commission reviewed objectives for Fiscal Year 2007/08, several of which are well under way or completed including:

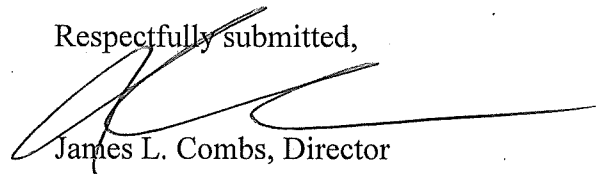
- 1) *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005 – 2010* Technical Update
- 2) Sustainability: Parks and Recreation Plan; Integrated Pest Management, etc.
- 3) Youth Development: Designing Youth into Parks and Public Spaces
- 4) Citywide General Plan Update (goals, policies, implementation, financing)
- 5) Park Safety Assessment and Improvements
- 6) Expansion of the Oak Park and George Sim Community Centers

Ad hoc committees were formed to engage further on the first three objectives. Staff will work with the committees and Commission chair to complete their assignments, report out and disband.

Following are key objectives for the Department of Parks and Recreation for 2009. Staff requests discussion with the Commission on the objectives, and to determine how Commissioners would be involved in these items over time.

#	2009 OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDED PRC ROLE	STAFF LEAD
1	<i>Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010 Technical Update</i>	To Commission in Spring 2009	J.P. Tindell
2	Citywide General Plan Update and Planning Area Consolidation	To Commission in Spring 2009	J.P. Tindell / Lori Harder
3	Delta Shores Regional Park Planning	Report to Commission during 2009	J.P. Tindell
4	Major Development Project Review with Park and Recreation Elements / Considerations (e.g. McKinley Village, etc.)	To Commission depending on project timelines	J.P. Tindell/ other City departments
5	<i>Parks and Recreation Safety Implementation Plan: Implement Tier 1 and Tier 2 recommendations as funding is secured; develop Phase I of Tier 3.</i>	Park Design Committee for master plan changes; followed by Commission review/action	J.P. Tindell
6	Citywide Pool Infrastructure Assessment and Recommendations	To Commission in Spring/Summer 2009	Alan Tomiyama
7	Sports Field and Gender Equity Study	To Commission in Spring/Summer 2009	Alan Tomiyama
8	Joint Use Agreements / Projects with School Districts / Other Agencies	To Commission depending on project needs and timelines	Dave Mitchell
9	Youth Related Services – Programming, Trends, Policies	To Commission in Spring/Summer 2009	Sylvia Fort
10	Sustainability Objectives – Further Planning / Implementation	Report on Implementation Plan to Commission during 2009	J.P. Tindell
11	Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Development / Any Related Fee Recommendations	Proposed FY 2010 Budgets to Commission in May 2009; Any Fee Recommendations in Spring 2009	Jim Combs

Respectfully submitted,



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