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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: SAND COVE PARK ARCHEOLOGICAL MONITORING

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2005 Garden Highway
Council District 1/ Regional Park Asset

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends the City Council, by Resolution (page 5):

- Approve a Professional Services Agreement with EDAW, Inc. to perform archeological monitoring at Sand cove Park for one year for \$40,000

CONTACT PERSON: Janet Baker, Park Development Manager, 808-8234

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 24, 2005

SUMMARY:

Sand Cove Park is located in the South Natomas Community Planning Area of the City of Sacramento. This area is in a partially developed and rapidly growing section of the City located immediately north of the Central city and north of the Sacramento River. Sand Cove Park is located on the north bank of the Sacramento River about 1.9 miles northwest of the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers. The site is located at 2005 Garden Highway (see Exhibit A, page 6).

Sand Cove Park contains one of the oldest and deepest stratified Native American archaeological sites in the area, representing a unique cultural resource. Much of the property consists of an ancient and culturally significant archaeological site that represents the Miwok, Nisenan and Maiduan tribes.



The City Of Sacramento, Parks & Recreation Department, currently has an archaeological consultant, EDAW, Inc., under contract to provide a variety of services at Sand Cove Park to monitor the site. EDAW, Inc. has developed a very good working relationship with the Native Americans, and Randy Yonemura of the Miwok Tribe of the El Dorado Rancheria, in particular, who works with Ms. Charlane Gross, Project Manager, EDAW, Inc. Required activities include the preparation of guidelines for the handling of items of patrimony, weekly site visits, identification and documentation of eroding burials and occurrences of looting, preparation of monthly monitoring reports and attendance at regular meetings. Native American human remains are a major concern due to bank erosion and incidents of looting and other intentional site disturbances.

This contract will bring the total contract amount with EDAW, Inc. to over \$100,000 and therefore, exceed the City Manager's authority to approve contracts per City Code 3.64.020 Authorization of agreements by city council.

The city council shall authorize the execution of agreements for services where the amount to be expended under each such agreement equals or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

Staff recommends that City Council approve the Professional Services Agreement with EDAW, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000. EDAW, Inc. has been providing these services since January 2003.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

No Committee/ Commission action required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Sand Cove Park contains a 4500-year old Native American burial ground. It is a unique cultural and natural resource located in one of the City's most popular riparian settings. The park site is recognized as one of the most important Native American historical and cultural resource sites in the Sacramento area. Due to continued bank erosion and illegal trespassing along culturally sensitive portions of the park, degradation of the riverbank is an ongoing problem at this site.

In the near-term there is an urgent need to document and preserve the site as much as possible. Immediate dangers to this location include bank erosion resulting from fluctuating levels of the Sacramento River and the wakes produced by passing

recreational watercraft. In addition, Sand Cove Park is a readily accessible property and is well known to local residents, as well as relic hunters and artifact collectors. Incidents of looting and other intentional site disturbances have been documented although less malicious impacts such as the casual, fortuitous collection of artifactual materials by park users are also ongoing impacts.

There is a need for long-term solutions to the problems of site erosion, looting and the effects of park visitation. The most serious long-term risk to the site is riverbank erosion. A plan to stabilize the riverbank in Sand Cove Park, particularly along the southern portion of the park where the majority of human remains and artifactual materials have been noted, is currently being developed between SAFCA, Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Sacramento. Such a course of action, given the culturally sensitive nature of the site, needs to be formulated with not only engineering considerations but also issues regarding archaeological site integrity, the preservation of cultural resources for future generations and the wishes of the Native people.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The archaeological monitoring of Sand Cove Park costs an estimated \$40,000 per year. The current contract with EDAW, Inc. expired on December 31, 2004. The contracts for 2000, 2001 and 2002 have been similar in cost and scope. There is sufficient funding in the operating budget for continuing the monitoring.

The City of Sacramento has initiated an ongoing program of interim site protection until permanent solutions to various management problems are formulated and implemented to solve the bank erosion occurring at Sand Cove. This interim program emphasizes monitoring continuing impacts to the site, combined with collection and documentation of human remains and artifacts exposed by erosion, looting, and vandalism.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental considerations with this informational report.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This action is consistent with City Council's goal to expand park and recreational opportunities.

ESBD EFFORTS:

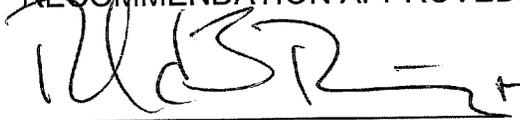
The selection of Landscape Architect consultants and contractors for this project followed City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET,
Director, Parks and Recreation

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
ON DATE: _____**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
EDAW, INC. FOR SAND COVE PARK**

WHEREAS, The City of Sacramento has monitored the Sand Cove Park site since 2001,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

The City Council hereby:

1. Approves a Professional Services Agreement with EDAW, Inc. to perform archeological monitoring at Sand Cove Park for one year for \$40,000.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

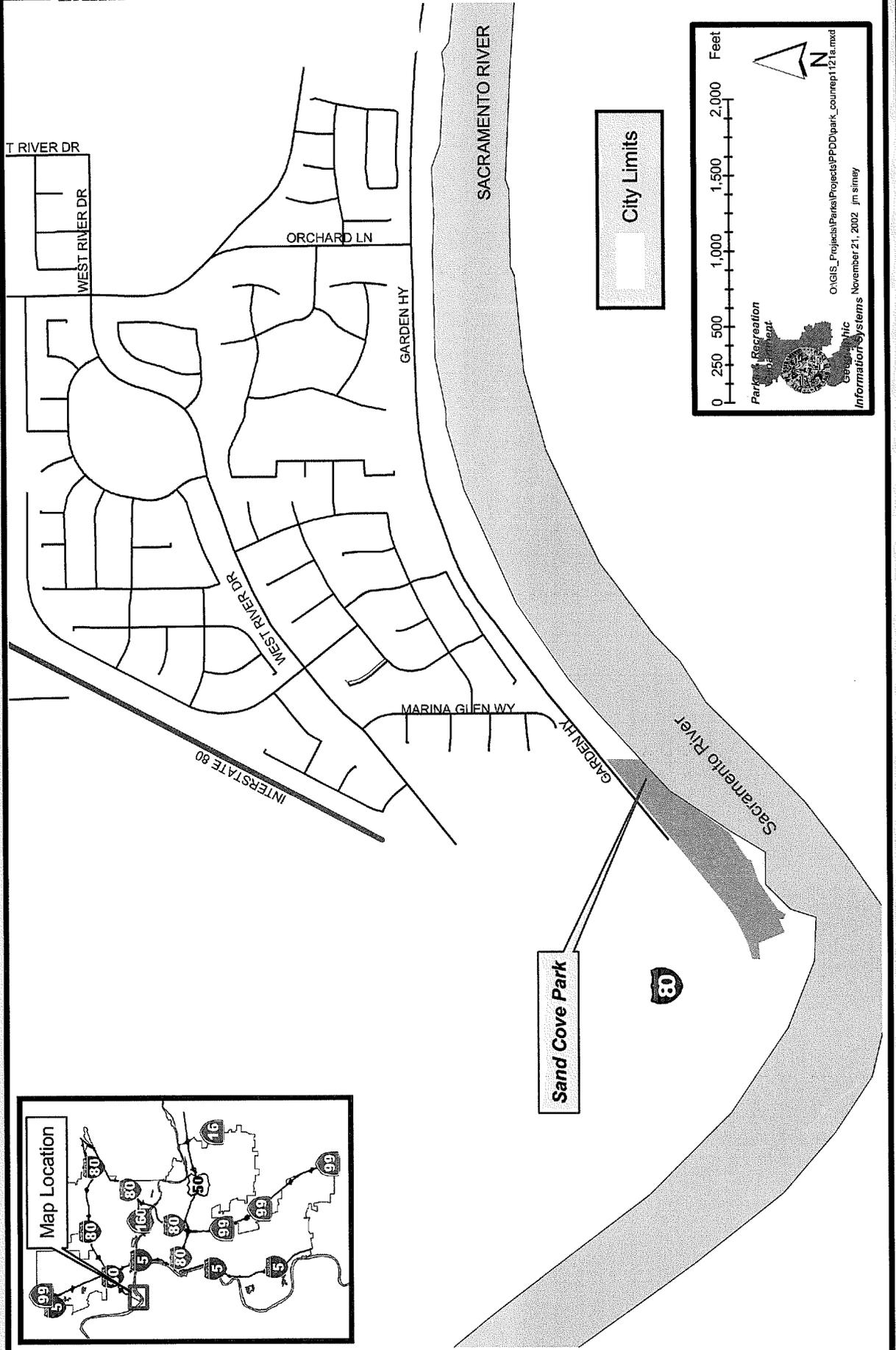
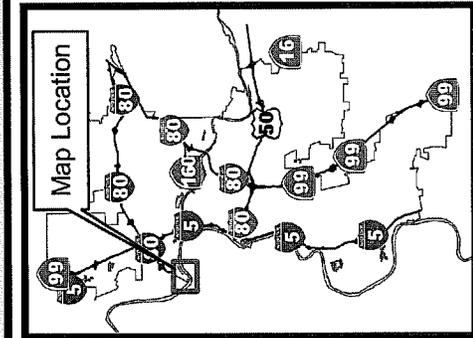
DATE ADOPTED: _____

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**City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
Sand Cove Park**

EXHIBIT A



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