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THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO

ANN VAN LEER
Chief of Staff
to Deputy Mayor Ron Roberts

Council District Two

① General info:
sludge program
② Frost Property
③ Mission Bay Water Quality
General info on Sludge mitigation

A - Thank you for your help!

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Ans'd.....
Ann V.L.

DEPUTY MAYOR RON ROBERTS
City of San Diego
Memorandum

DATE: August 11, 1992

TO: Honorable PF&R Chair Judy McCarty

FROM: Deputy Mayor Ron Roberts

SUBJECT: PF&R Agenda of 8/12/92

There are four items on the PF&R agenda on Wednesday, August 12 that are of particular interest to me. I am writing to give you my comments on those items.

Item 5 -- Downtown International Grand Prix
The proposal by Chris Pook deserves careful consideration by the City Council. I join the Downtown Residents' Group and the Central City Association in general support of the concept. If scheduling conflicts and neighborhood issues can be resolved, I believe the race will be an asset to the city.

Item 6 -- Beach Area Alcohol Ban
I am extremely pleased with results of the alcohol ban. The Police Department and Lifeguard Service should be commended for their efforts to make the ordinance work. It is, by far, one of the most successful laws approved during my tenure on the City Council and I join the Manager in strong support of the ordinance.

Item 8 -- Skateboard Ban
I support the efforts of the Mission Beach Town Council to help decrease noise in their community through an evening skateboard ban from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Item 10 -- Fiesta Island FY 93 Sludge Mitigation
The City Manager has incorporated my concerns into the report before you for consideration. I urge your support of the Manager's recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill - see alt. memo

DEPUTY MAYOR RON ROBERTS
City of San Diego
Memorandum

DATE: July 9, 1992

TO: PF&R Chair Judy McCarty

FROM: Deputy Mayor Ron Roberts

SUBJECT: Fiesta Island Sludge Mitigation Allocation; Request for PF&R Consideration.

The City Manager has proposed the attached list of projects as the FY 1993 sludge mitigation program request to the Coastal Commission (Attachment 1). An earlier version of the list was approved by the Mission Bay Committee and the Park and Recreation Board. The list was later revised by the City Manager to reflect the Council's action in closed session on the Frost property.

The Manager has proposed that this revised list be submitted directly to the commission for consideration. Because of the importance of the sludge mitigation program and the need to make a strong case to the commission, I respectfully request that this item be first considered by your committee and the City Council before submittal to the Coastal Commission.

In addition, I would like to propose the following changes to the Manager's list for PF&R consideration:

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION		STATUS
$1,000,000	Frost Property Reserve	No Change
600,000	Fiesta Island Reserve	No Change
490,000	Tecolote Shores Play Area	No Change
200,000	Model Yacht Basin Expansion	Eliminate
100,000	East Vacation Isle Play Area	No Change
70,000	Purchase Sand Screener	Eliminate
50,000	Water Quality Studies	No Change
30,000	Sea World Drive Trees	No Change
10,000	North Crown Pt. Sidewalk	No Change

Difference -- $270,000

RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION OF $270,000

$ 170,000 Master Plan Implementation Reserve
100,000 Storm Drain Education Program for Mission Bay Watershed

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGES TO MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Master Plan Implementation --
The original report to the Mission Bay Committee recommended that $417,000 be set aside for the Master Plan Implementation Reserve. The manager, in his revised report, has proposed eliminating the FY 1993 allocation to the reserve to reflect the Council's action on the Frost property.

The master planning process for Mission Bay is going well, however, as with any planning effort, the most difficult part of the process is implementation. Setting aside money for plan implementation must take priority. It is with this in mind that I have made a recommendation of $170,000 for this effort.

Storm Drain Education for the Mission Bay Watershed --
Since last winter, parts of Mission Bay have been closed repeatedly due to storm drain pollution. San Diegans lost access to the water in Mission Bay for over two months last winter due to pollution caused by the improper use of the storm drains. This pollution is urban runoff collected throughout the Mission Bay watershed and transported to the bay through the city storm drain system.

According to the County Health Department, in the future we can expect that our beaches and bays may be closed much of the time due to contamination from urban runoff -- unless we can minimize the amount of pollution entering our storm drain system. A big part of that effort requires public education; I propose that a portion of the sludge mitigation monies be used for this purpose.

Working in concert with the Port of San Diego and the other San Diego waterfront cities which are battling this same problem, I propose that the City of San Diego fund a $100,000 public education program to educate both San Diegans and visitors to Mission Bay about urban runoff and its impact on our water quality.

The City's program should focus on the Mission Bay watershed and should include the installation of permanent displays at Mission Bay that can help the public understand that what gets dumped in a storm drain in Bay Park -- or even Scripps Ranch -- ends up in Mission Bay.

If the public does not have access to the waters of Mission Bay, the rest of our efforts are in vain. This proposed education effort, along with the manager's proposal for water quality studies, will go a long way toward reversing the decline in the bay's water quality.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Attachment
cc: City Manager Jack McGrory

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

1. CERTIFICATE NO. #129 10-19-92

TO:	2. FROM: (ORIGINATOR)	3. DATE
CITY ATTORNEY	PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR	9/21/92

4. SUBJECT:
Fiesta Island Sludge Mitigation Fund Expenditure FY '93

5. PREPARATION OF: [1] RESOLUTION(S) [ ] ORDINANCE(S) [ ] AGREEMENT(S) [ ] DEED(S)

Authorizing the City Manager to propose to the California Coastal Commission a $2,550,000 Sludge Mitigation Fund expenditure allocation for FY 1993.

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION: (INCLUDE ONLY INFORMATION NOT COVERED ON FORM 1472A, "DOCKET SUPPORTING INFORMATION".

Council District: 2 (Roberts)

Community Planning Area: 19 (Mission Bay Park)

Environmental Clearance: None required at this time.

Background: PF&R Committee endorsed this program on August 12,1992.

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7. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: (NAME & MAIL STA.) John Leppert 9A

8. TELEPHONE NO. 221-8936

9. CHECK IF "DOCKET SUPPORTING INFORMATION" ATTACHED [X]

10. COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES:

	BUDGETED	UNBUDGETED
FUND/DEPT.		
ORGANIZATION		
OBJECT ACCOUNT		
JOB ORDER		
WORK ORDER NO.		
C.I.P. NO.		
FACILITY		
AMOUNT		

12. ESTIMATED COST:

None with this action.

11. ROUTING AND APPROVALS

ROUTE (✓)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL	DATE SIGNED
✓1	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	P&R	9.21.92
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2	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER	Conrad	9-21-92
	AUDITOR		
3	CITY ATTORNEY		9-28-92
4	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	P&R	9.29.92
✓	Mgr. Dkt. Clerk	10/6/92	
	Council Rep.	10/7/92 DATE	

RULES COMMITTEE [X] CONSENT [ ] ADOPTION [ ] Refer to RNG Date 10/19

(R-93-579)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

ADOPTED ON _____

WHEREAS, on April 12, 1989 the California Coastal Commission agreed to a City of San Diego request for an extension of time to keep the sludge drying facilities on Fiesta Island, establishing a $1,000,000 mitigation fund; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 1992 the Coastal Commission once again granted a one-year extension and increased the amount of the mitigation fund payment to $2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 1993; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's recommendation for fund allocation varies from the Coastal Commission recommendation, with the proposed allocation to be $550,000 in excess of the Fiscal Year 1993 allocation, but is possible by deferring two previously approved new restroom projects; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to propose to the California Coastal Commission a $2,550,000 Sludge Mitigation Fund expenditure allocation for Fiscal Year 1993.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By _____
Mary Kay Jackson
Deputy City Attorney

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The City of San Diego

#129
10-19-92

MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE ISSUED: August 7, 1992 REPORT NO. 92-259

ATTENTION: Public Facilities and Recreation Committee

SUBJECT: **Fiesta Island Sludge Mitigation Fund Expenditure FY 93**

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the City Council authorize the Manager to propose the following Sludge Mitigation projects to the California Coastal Commission for FY 93?

Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the Manager to propose the following projects for approval of the California Coastal Commission.

Other Recommendations: The Park and Recreation Board recommended projects that differ slightly from the Manager's recommendation.

Fiscal Impact: None.

BACKGROUND

On April 12, 1989, the California Coastal Commission acted on a City of San Diego request for an extension of time to keep the sludge drying facility on Fiesta Island. In the amendment action a $1,000,000 a year mitigation fund was established to offset the public's loss of recreational opportunities and restricted access during the remaining time the facilities must remain on Fiesta Island.

On March 10, 1992, the Commission once again acted on a City of San Diego request to extend the time the facility is to remain on Fiesta Island. The Commission gave a one year extension and increased the amount of the mitigation fund payment to $2,000,000 for FY 93.

The California Coastal Commission suggested that the City allocate the FY 93 projects in the following manner:

- $1/2 million to Fiesta Island Reserve
- $1 million to two major projects
- $1/2 million to small projects

DISCUSSION

The Manager's recommendation varies from this suggestion allocation in that $1,000,000 is set aside to acquire property immediately adjacent to Mission Bay Park's Northern Wildlife Preserve, $512,000 is recommended for the Fiesta Island Improvement Reserve, $490,000 is recommended for one major improvement project, $170,000 is recommended for a Master Plan Improvement Reseve, $88,000 is recommended for staff support to oversee this year's program as well as previous year's projects in design/construction, and $290,000 for 5 smaller projects. This program is $550,000 in excess of the Fiscal '93 allocation, but is made possible by deferring 2 previously approved new restroom projects.

Since the action of the Park and Recreation Board, budget issues have arisen to change the recommendations to include funds for the purchase of property adjacent to the Wildlife Preserve, and to include Sludge Mitigation Fund Liaison funding. These changes account for the major differences from what was approved by the Board.

Frost Property Acquisition Reserve	Purchase 2.66 acres immediately adjacent to the Northern Wildlife Preserve.	$ 1,000,000 (1)
Fiesta Island Reserve	To be used in the future development of Fiesta Island	512,000
Master Plan Implementation Reserve	To be used in the future implementation of Master Plan.	170,000
Tecolote Shores Abled/Disabled Accessible Park/ Play Area	To complete entire project ($849,000) Existing funding: Prop. 70 $ 99,741 Co. Conserv. Fund 167,000 Sludge Mitig. Fund 92,000 $358,741	490,000
Ski Beach Playground	Design, construct and install a children's playground consistent with Americans With Disabilities Act. Currently there are no children's play areas at Ski Beach.	100,000
Sludge Mitigation Fund Liaison	Staff to act as liaison for Mission Bay Park Sludge Mitigation Fund project development, expenditure tracking and project coordination.	88,000

Storm Drain Education Program	In conjunction with Port District program to education community.	$ 100,000
Water Quality Sampling and Studies in Tecolote and Rose Creek	Augment the current program to monitor and test effluence which takes place during generally dry weather periods. Identify problem areas that should be contained or eliminated before they enter Mission Bay.	50,000
Sea World Drive Trees Phase III	Completion of project, approximately 1,700 linear ft. of trees planted on 20 ft. centers.	30,000
North Crown Pt. Bluff Development	Public walkway and landscaping for undeveloped portion of the park.	$ 10,000
		$2,550,000 (2)

(1) Monies to be reimbursed to the Sludge Mitigation Fund upon the sale of environmental mitigation credits to other public agencies.

(2) Total includes the deferment of previously approved additional restrooms on Crown Point and East Vacation Isle (Ski Beach). Funds will be reimbursed from sale of mitigation credits.

ALTERNATIVE

1. Modify the recommendation of the City Manager.

Approved: Coleman Conrad
Deputy City Manager

Submitted by: George I. Loveland
Park and Recreation
Director

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COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

COUNCIL DOCKET OF 10/19 SUPPLEMENTAL___ ADOPTION___ CONSENT X
UNANIMOUS CONSENT___
RULES COMMITTEE CONSULTANT REVIEW RNC

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Fiesta Island Sludge Mitigation Fund Expenditure FY 93

REVIEWED ✓ INITIATED___ BY P+R ON Aug. 12, 1992 ITEM # 10

RECOMMENDATION TO approve the City Manager's recommendation to authorize the Manager to propose the listed projects for approval of the California Coastal Commission

(If amended give the amendments)

DISTRICTS 3, 6, ___, ___ AND 7 VOTED YEA.

DISTRICT(S)___ AND ___ VOTED NAY.

DISTRICT(S) 5 AND ___ NOT PRESENT.

CITY CLERK: Please reference the following reports on the City Council docket:

CITY MANAGER REPORT NO. 92-259

LEGISLATIVE SPECIALIST ANALYSIS NO._____

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS REPORT NO._____

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT NO._____

OTHER_____

Pete Hogan
LEGISLATIVE SPECIALIST

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Frost Property - gen. info.

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EXECUTIVE COMPLEX

Ellen Lirley
California Coastal Commission
San Diego Area
3111 Camino del Rio North, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Ms. Lirley:

As manager of the Kendall-Frost Marsh Reserve on Mission Bay I was extremely glad to hear of the City of San Diego's recent commitment to acquiring the last piece of privately held property adjacent to the Reserve.on Mission Bay (the "Frost Property", on Pacific Beach Drive) We strongly support the City's request to use funds designated for the mitigation of the Fiesta Island sewage sludge beds, and believe that this is a very appropriate use of such monies.

The University of California's Natural Reserve System, of which the Kendall-Frost Reserve is a part, manages and protects natural areas representative of the state's geographical diversity throughout the state for their use in teaching and research. The goal of the system is to preserve these areas as naturally functioning ecosystems in perpetuity.

The City's acquisition of the Frost Property will make the difficult task of protecting the Reserve easier for several reasons. First, it is the City's stated goal to use the property to expand the salt marsh and associated habitats, which will make the reserve less vulnerable to negative edge effects. Second, the acquisition of this property will enable the general public to obtain far better access to the habitat than the University Natural Reserve System can provide since our site is not open to the public except for permitted teaching and research use. The acquisition of the Frost Property provides a unique and exciting opportunity for the public as well as educational institutions to have access to the restoration of this site and to the newly recreated wetlands and associated transition and upland areas that will result. The installation of boardwalks, blinds, and interpretive areas that would be destructive to an existing wetland will be uniquely possible at this site. The Natural Reserve System is looking forward to contributing to the cooperative management and education programs for this site that will greatly benefit the people and environment of the City of San Diego and the State of California.

While it is apparent that the site will not be functional habitat in the near future, it is critical at this time to move towards that goal now, while the opportunity lends itself. This opportunity may not be repeated or the price may increase beyond the ability of the City or other public agencies to acquire it. In addition, the sooner we start developing methods for restoring such sites in Mission Bay, the sooner additional functional habitat can be added to the critically small area that constitutes the remaining wetlands in Mission Bay. For these reasons we support the City's request for the use of sludge bed mitigation funds for the purchase of this property.

Sincerely,

Isabelle Kay

Isabelle Kay
Academic Coordinator, Natural Reserve System, UCSD

cc: John Leppert, City of San Diego
Paul Dayton, UCSD Natural Reserve System

[Water Quality]

COUNCILMEMBER RON ROBERTS
City of San Diego
Memorandum

DATE: January 20, 1993

TO: City Manager Jack McGrory

FROM: Councilmember Ron Roberts

SUBJECT: Pollution in Mission Bay

Thank you for attending the meeting yesterday regarding pollution in Mission Bay. I think it was constructive and look forward to working closely with you and the Mission Bay Lessees to solve this problem.

The following issues were discussed and need further action. I would like to discuss this list with you when we meet next week.

Dry Weather Interceptor: The remaining phases should be scheduled for Council action as soon as possible. When can staff have this ready?

Morena and Rose Canyon Trunk Sewers: These must be completed as soon as possible. What is the schedule for completion? Can Council act to speed these efforts?

City Testing to Identifying Pollution Sources in the Storm Drains: This on-going effort appears key to developing the information base that will lead to long-term permanent solutions to storm drain pollution problems. How much is budgeted to be spent on this effort this fiscal year? What is proposed to be spent on the program in the next fiscal year? How much monitoring and testing is necessary for the City to determine what permanent long-term solutions may be required?

Request to the Coastal Commission to Use Sludge Mitigation Funds to Support Testing: What groups and organizations are contacting the commission? What other groups should be contacted? Who should make the contacts?

Investigate the Feasibility of Dredging: What steps are necessary to determine if dredging can be accomplished? What is the estimated cost to dredge the bay? What funds could be identified for this purpose? Can the environmental impacts of dredging be considered as part of the environmental review process for the master plan? What steps are required?

Education: How much city funding is proposed for public education during the next fiscal year? How will those funds be allocated? What groups and organizations are contacting the Coastal Commission to seek support of the use of sludge mitigation funds for the education effort? What other groups could be contacted? Who should make the contacts?

Upstream Intervention in Rose and Tecolote Creeks: Has the City investigated the effectiveness of upstream intervention? What were the results of that investigation? Are additional studies required? What funds could be identified to further those studies?

Re-routing of Tecolote Creek: Has the city investigated the re-routing of Tecolote Creek into the San Diego river? If so, what were the results of those studies? Are additional studies required? What funds could be identified for those studies?

Improvements to Tidal Flushing: Has the city investigated possible mechanical means to improve tidal flushing in the bay, especially in the eastern portion? What were the results of those investigations? What funds could be identified to construct tidal flushing improvements?

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to discussing this with you next week.

cc: Ms. Rose Marie Starns
Mr. Gary Stephany

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—THE RESOURCES AGENCY

PETE WILSON, *Governor*

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July 1, 1992

Ron Roberts
Deputy Mayor
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Re: Sludge Mitigation Monies

Dear Mr. Roberts,

First, my apology for taking so long to respond to your inquiry. In your letter, you requested a written opinion on whether or not sludge mitigation monies could be used to fund water quality research in Mission Bay Park. Although this office certainly concurs that such research is legitimately needed and would serve a worthwhile purpose, it is difficult to see how the work would meet the parameters established by the Coastal Commission for the use of the Fiesta Island sludge mitigation monies.

The Commission has consistently directed the use of those monies, first and foremost, to fund direct public access and recreational improvements that would serve to enhance use of the present park and offset the restricted use of portions of Fiesta Island. Qualifying projects have included playground equipment, new picnic shelters, restroom facilities, parking lot improvements and landscaping. The only exception to date has been that the Commission endorsed the partial use of the $500,000 annual set-aside for Fiesta Island parkland development for overall Mission Bay Park planning efforts.

While we certainly appreciate the funding constraints being faced by the City, we do not believe that the water quality research effort would qualify for use of the sludge mitigation monies. However, if you still wish to pursue it, I would recommend that City staff prepare a more detailed proposal as to exactly how much money would be needed, when and what research would be conducted and how such research is connected with the overall park planning effort. Since the research effort would not qualify as a direct, offsetting public benefit, the burden would be on the City to justify that the nature of the research is so essential to the master planning effort in determining the appropriate kinds, location or intensity of future land uses as to warrant utilization of some of the annual reserve.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call our office. Thank you for your concern and interest in promoting and preserving Mission Bay Park.

Sincerely,

Deborah N. Lee

Deborah N. Lee
Assistant District Director

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