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City of San Diego
Memorandum

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DATE: February 11, 1993

TO: Honorable Supervisor Leon Williams

FROM: Councilmember Ron Roberts

SUBJECT: Coastal Commission Action Regarding the FY 93 and FY 94 Sludge Mitigation Expenditures

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City staff and Coastal Commission staff have worked long and hard to come to agreement on the projects in the sludge mitigation program. Both staffs have made recommendations based on their judgment of what is best for Mission Bay. Though I respect the work of the Coastal Commission staff, there still remain areas of disagreement. As the councilmember representing Mission Bay, I would like to propose the following compromise for the commission's consideration:

First, accept the commission staff recommendation on items 1,3,4,5,9 and 10. This approves the following:

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+Item 1 - $1,000,000 for the **Frost Property** from FY 1993;
+Item 3 - Deferral of the $170,000 for the **Master Plan Implementation Reserve;** } savings
+Item 4 - $490,000 in additional funding to Complete the **Tecolote Shores Disabled Play Area;**
+Item 5 - $100,000 for the **Ski Beach Children's Play Area;**
+Item 9 - $30,000 for Phase III **Sea World Drive Tree Planting;** and
+Item 10 - $10,000 for **Public Walkway and Landscaping in the North Crown Point Area.**

Second, make the following change from the city and commission staff recommendation for Item 2:

+Item 2 - Reduce the **Reserve Funding for the Fiesta Island Improvements** from $512,000 to $432,000 and apply the difference ($80,000) towards the construction of the Ski Beach restroom.

Third, accept the city staff recommendation for items 6, 7 and 8. This approves the following:

+Item 6 - Fund the **Sludge Mitigation Liaison** ($88,000). The city's budget has been reduced due to state budget cutbacks. The city will need administrative support to accomplish the projects outlined in this program; } John top job

+Item 7 - Allocate $100,000 to fund the **Storm Drain Public Education Program.** If we do not take the steps necessary to guarantee the water of Mission Bay is clean, the rest of this effort is moot. The city has made a major commitment to address this problem; this public education program for the Mission Bay Watershed is one of the essential elements and could not be funded otherwise; and

+Item 8 - Allocate $50,000 to fund the **Water Quality Sampling of Tecolote and Rose Creeks.** City staff believe that a portion of the water quality problem in Mission Bay is due to a build up pollutants in the sediments. Most likely these deposits originate in Rose and Tecolote Creeks. This study will help identify if this is the case. There is no money to fund this research otherwise.

Fourth, take the $170,000 deferred from the Master Plan Implementation Reserve as per the commission staff recommendation and combine it with the $80,000 I propose to reduce from the Fiesta Island Reserve, and fund the Ski Beach bathroom. The rationale is as follows: 250,000

I do not agree with the commission staff's recommendation that the city be forced to build both new restrooms at Ski Beach and Crown Point at this time. As the commission staff knows, the city has just completed an extensive public program to update the Mission Bay Master Plan.

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These bathrooms were deferred until the master planning process was completed so that the city could best utilize limited public funds to construct new facilities in Mission Bay. The plan is now undergoing environmental review and is expected to be at the City Council for approval in the next six months.

Based on the work to date on the master plan, city staff believe that the Crown Point bathroom should continue to be deferred. However, they feel comfortable with going ahead with the Ski Beach bathroom at this time. If the commissioners feel strongly that the city should commence building the Ski Beach bathroom, I recommend that the funding to do so be reallocated as I have outline above.

Fifth, approve the $200,000 advance funding from the FY 94 Sludge Mitigation program for the Briarfield Cove bridge and $610,000 in FY 94 advance funding for the purchase of the Frost Property as proposed by the City Manager. The rationale is: Martinez w/break => vehemently

Assuming the commission agrees with this recommendation, the City Manager will "borrow" from other city funds with the understanding that the FY 94 sludge mitigation funds will be used to reimburse the city for these allocations.

Briarfield Cove Bridge
The bids for the construction work on the Briarfield Cove bridge have come in higher than expected. An additional $200,000 is needed if the city is to let the contract this year to begin construction on this important pedestrian linkage.

Commission staff are correct that alternatives to the bridge are still being reviewed. However, if the city waits until the commission's FY 94 funding cycle to gain commission approval for these funds, the project will be delayed an additional year. I know this is not the commission's intention.

Frost Property:
With regard to the FY 94 advance funding for the Frost property, the additional $610,000 is needed in order to close escrow with the Frost family. The price agreed to is $1,610,000.

Leon, I appreciate the time and attention you have paid to this matter. I know you are a strong supporter of Mission Bay and I look forward to working with you in your new capacity as a Coastal Commissioner.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions in this regard.

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Dear Mr. Leppert:

SUPPORT FOR A REQUEST OF FUNDING TO STUDY BACTERIAL SOURCES IN MISSION BAY

This letter is a follow-up of our meetings regarding the need to improve the bacterial monitoring of Mission Bay and its main tributaries. Data from such sampling would be used to focus on reducing point and non-point sources in the watershed. We understand that you are presenting a request for use of certain sludge abatement funds for an improved joint monitoring program, a storm drain education program, and funds for further study to locate point sources in Rose and Tecolote Creek.

Environmental Health Services (EHS) supports your request based on the Public Health impacts of the on-going water quality problems in the Bay. The joint City/County weekly sampling has improved our knowledge of conditions in the Bay and the impacts of storm water discharges. Enhanced sampling has resulted in identifying sources of contamination. Previous studies of Mission Bay pollution sources have indicated an on-going need for public education and signage.

We support an increased sampling plan. One recommendation is to increase sampling locations to include selected sites in the Rose and Tecolote Creek watershed to detect and resolve sewage and other point source problems before they impact Mission Bay and the public health.

A second recommendation is to increase the sampling funds for EHS for the independent water samples taken to confirm areas of the bay that remain safe for body contact and to open contaminated areas as quickly as possible. In the past two years, EHS has had to increase number and frequency of samples taken in Mission Bay. These samples are triggered by high monitoring or screening samples taken by the City or by reports of known sewage spills. We

have operated well above our previous funding agreement during the past two winters. We are now requesting to modify our funding agreement due to loss of general fund revenues.

A third recommendation is to perform a limited study of survival of indicator organisms in marine sediments to determine if intermittent high bacterial levels are a result of sediment disturbance.

Further study of Rose and Tecoloto Creek and its watersheds may reveal unknown sources of sewage contamination and other non-human sources of the bacteria that have been intermittently observed in the past. We fully support your request of funds for the field study of these creeks and funds for point source reduction when problems are found. By focusing on cause reduction and prevention, we envision that the need for spill generated sampling will eventually be reduced and that the water quality of Mission Bay will be improved. If possible, it is requested that the watershed of the Crown Point storm drain be included in the field study and sampling plan. The proposals for public education and appropriate signs and curb markings are supported as part of our joint objectives to reduce the pollution of Mission Bay.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 338-2211, or Michael J. Devine, Chief of the Land Use Division at 338-2270

Sincerely,

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