

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Date: March 14, 2017
Agenda Item No.: 5
Council Action Date: March 20, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Watkins, City Manager
Nancy O'Connor, Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships Director

Subject: Buenaventura Golf Course Emergency Repair Project – Appropriations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- a. Authorize the City Manager or designee to spend up to \$250,000 for repairs to Buenaventura Golf Course.
- b. Authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$250,000 from the Insurance Reserve in the Public Liability Fund to the Golf Fund for funding the repairs.
- c. Authorize Finance and Technology to adjust the associated budgetary accounts in the Public Liability Fund and Golf Fund to ensure proper accounting for the transfer, encumbered contracts and other expenses necessary to complete the repair.
- d. Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate an amendment to the KemperSports Management agreement to accomplish the emergency repairs on an expedited basis and find pursuant to City Charter Section 1006 that the repairs are necessary to preserve property at the Buenaventura Golf Course such that the repairs can be let without competitive bidding.

DISCUSSION

During the Presidents Day storm, which started Thursday, February 16, 2017 and continued through Monday, February 20, 2017, Buenaventura Golf Course was inundated with rain, storm water runoff, silt, mud, and overflow from the Santa Clara River. All the holes at the golf course were impacted and 13 of the holes were severely

damaged. KemperSports crews have been working since the storm ended to remove hundreds of tons of mud and debris in a race to keep the turf alive. Impacts to the turf, drains, bunkers, lakes and irrigation make the cleanup complicated and it is anticipated to be a long term repair. Currently the plan is for all the mud to be removed from the golf course and to get the golf course open for play as the course has been closed since Friday, February 17, 2017. Continued work will be done on the drains, bunkers, lakes, irrigation, and turf in a phased approach using in house golf crews and outside contractors and equipment, as needed. Some work can only be done by outside contractors, such as installation of new drains due to the specialized equipment needed.

Crews removed enough mud and debris for a United States Golf Agronomist to visit and take soil and water samples on Monday, March 6, 2017. Once the test results are known, especially the condition of the turf, further discussions will take place and any modifications to the work plans will be noticed to the City of Ventura Parks Recreation and Community Partnerships Department. It is anticipated that City Council might need to approve further spending appropriations if the damaged conditions of the drains, lakes, and irrigation is extensive.

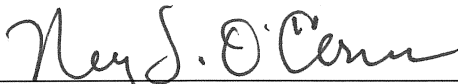
IMPACTS

Fiscal Impacts:

Current estimates for repairs are anticipated up to \$250,000. The recommendation is to authorize the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Insurance Reserve in the Public Liability Fund and transfer these funds to the Golf Fund for actual expenses. Currently, there is sufficient balance in the Public Liability Reserve to accomodate the additional appropriation.

ALTERNATIVES

The City Council could choose not to authorize this funding or a portion of this funding, however it would impact the long term health of the golf course as well as realize reduced revenue from Buenaventura Golf Course.

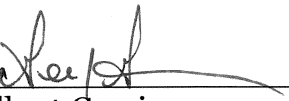


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Director, Parks Recreation and Community Partnerships

Reviewed as to fiscal impacts

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Gilbert Garcia
Finance & Technology Director

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