

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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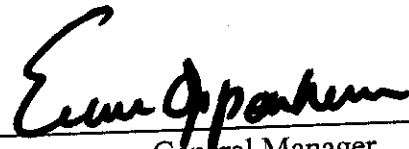
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: STATUS OF SMOKE FREE ZONES

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the commitment of a \$10,000 donation from the Committee for Smoke Free Parks and Other Public Places for the purchase of "Smoke-Free Zone" signs to be placed at childrens' play areas and ball diamonds at facilities throughout the Department.

SUMMARY:

The Department's Smoke Free Task Force was established in August 2000 by the Board and has met regularly with the Committee for Smoke Free Parks and Other Public Places to identify smoke-free zones at Department facilities.

The Task Force surveyed Department facilities and identified childrens' play areas and ball diamonds as prospective smoke-free zones. Grounds Maintenance staff was asked to determine the number of "No Smoking" signs required and concluded that approximately 1,000 signs would be needed to establish the zones. According to the Department's Construction Division, the estimated cost for the signs is approximately \$10,000, not including posts, hardware, and labor. Funding for the signs will be encumbered from the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. Recreation and Parks will incur the cost of the posts, hardware and labor.

Presentations have been made at regional recreation training meetings, and are scheduled for grounds maintenance staff later in the month. The purpose of these presentations is to introduce the Smoke-Free Zone concept to all employees and provide them with an opportunity for discussion and feedback.

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A memo was recently circulated directing all employees to place the establishment of Smoke-Free Zones on the agenda of all impending Park Advisory Board (PAB) meetings. Members of the committee have made themselves available to attend PAB meetings, if needed, in order to ensure community support.

The Committee for Smoke Free Parks and Other Public Places has expressed a desire to address the Board with documentation and recommendations in order to move forward in encumbering the funds necessary to obtain the signs.

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