

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: May 12, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert W. Greene, Director, Parks, Recreation and Arts

Subject: **Prime Desert Woodlands Trails, Phase II-Employment of At Risk Youth**

Recommendation:

Approve the finding that the nature of construction for the Prime Desert Woodland Trails, Phase II project required the use of skilled laborers. Therefore, this project was not appropriate for the employment of at-risk youth as required by the Youth Employment Goal as established by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, the administering agency of Proposition A, the 1992 and 1996 Safe Neighborhood Parks bond measures.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

The Prime Desert Woodlands Trails, Phase II project was recently completed and added close to one additional mile of trails to the existing pathway system at the Preserve. The City currently has an agreement with Los Angeles County, under Proposition A, from which a \$150,000 portion of the funding for this project was awarded. The grant stipulates that the City must attempt to employ at-risk youth throughout the construction project, however due to the nature of this project, the employment of youth was not feasible. The nature of the construction requires that all work be performed by skilled laborers; therefore, this project was not appropriate for the employment of at risk youth. Therefore, to comply with the Youth Employment Goal established by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, the administering agency of Proposition A, the 1992 and 1996 Safe Neighborhood Parks bond measures, staff suggests Council adopt the project as wholly completed without the employment of at risk youth in compliance with the bond measure.

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