

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew J. Fertal
Dept: City Manager
Subject: APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF INTENT REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF HASTER BASIN PARK TO THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

From: William E. Murray
Dept: Public Works
Date: October 14, 2014

OBJECTIVE

To receive City Council approval of a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the conveyance of the City-owned Haster Basin Park Parcel (Parcel), located at the Haster Basin Recreation Area, to the County of Orange (County).

BACKGROUND

As part of the County's Haster Basin and Recreational Field Park Project, renovations to the flood control facilities were completed earlier this year that included updating and expanding the recreational facilities on the property. Following these renovations, the County will now be responsible for maintaining the recreational facilities, while the City will continue maintaining the playground and restroom facilities. In September, the County expressed interest in acquiring this Parcel for the purpose of managing future developments. The Parcel is adjacent to the County's Haster Basin Recreation Area and includes a restroom, playground, small turf area, parking lot and a City-owned water pump station. The City shall maintain an easement over the entire Parcel for the operation, maintenance and reconstruction of the water facility, as needed, including the right for the City to relocate the existing well and facilities on the property as determined by the City to be appropriate for its water operations.

DISCUSSION

The County plans to approve the LOI at their Board Meeting on October 28, 2014, to begin participation in the conveyance process for the grant deed, legal description and title report. Under the LOI, an easement would be granted for the City-owned water pump station and the City will continue retaining water rights. Once the Parcel conveyance is completed, the City will terminate maintenance services for the playground and restroom facilities.

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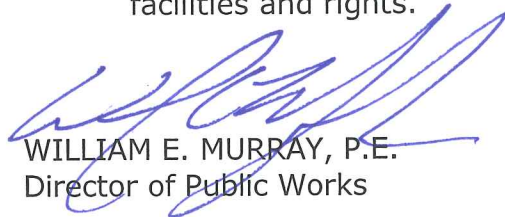
FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Approve the attached draft Letter of Intent for conveyance of the City-owned Haster Basin Park to the County of Orange, subject to the City maintaining an easement over the entire Parcel for the operation, maintenance and reconstruction of the water facility, as needed, including the right for the City to relocate the existing well and facilities on the property as determined by the City to be appropriate for its water operations; and
- Direct Staff to begin negotiations with the County for an agreement for the transfer of the property, subject to the easement for the City's water facilities and rights.

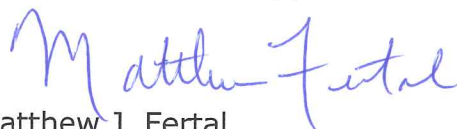


WILLIAM E. MURRAY, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Attachment 1: Draft Letter of Intent

Attachment 2: Map

Recommended for Approval



Matthew J. Fertal
City Manager

DRAFT LETTER

To be submitted to the Board of Supervisors
on October 28, 2014

Matthew J. Fertal
City Manager
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Pkwy.
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Subject: Letter of Intent – Conveyance of City-owned Haster Street Park Parcel

Dear Mr. Fertal:

You have indicated to me that the City would be willing to convey to the County the City-owned parcel adjacent to the Orange County Flood Control District-owned Haster Basin Recreation Area (see attached exhibit). The parcel includes a restroom, playground and small turf area and a City Water Department building and parking lot. Conveyance of the parcel would enable the County to more efficiently operate and maintain the Recreation Area. It could also enable the development of additional recreational amenities within the Recreation Area, including an aquatic golf driving range. A Request for Proposals for such a range is currently being drafted by County staff, and the parcel would be offered as a potential area for inclusion as part of the range.

On October 28, 2014, the Board of Supervisors considered the conveyance of the parcel and authorized me to communicate to you the basis on which the County would accept the conveyance:

- The parcel would be conveyed by the City to the County at no cost.
- The City would retain an easement over the parcel for the existing Water Department improvements and infrastructure.
- The County would provide the grant deed, legal description and title report; the City would provide the hazardous material assessment report.
- The final conveyance documents would need to be approved by the Garden Grove City Council.

This letter is not intended to be legally binding on either the City or the County, and any agreement to the conveyance will be subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

On behalf the County, we look forward to finalizing the conveyance.

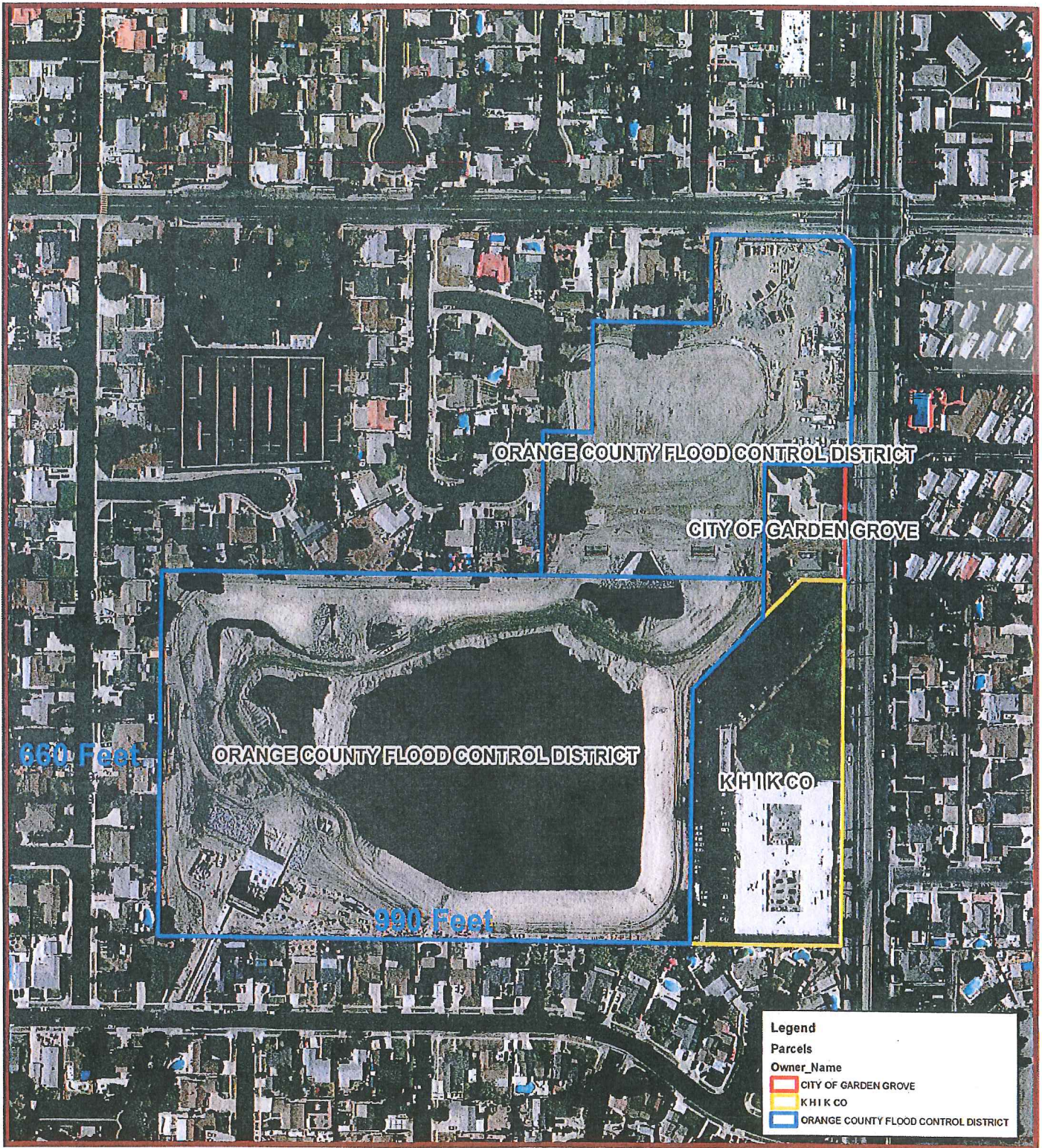
Sincerely,

Steve Franks, Director
Orange County Community Resources

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Michael Giancola, CEO
Mark Denny, COO
Nicholas Chrisos, County Counsel
Stacy Blackwood, Director, OC Parks



Haster Basin



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