

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** August 20, 2001

THROUGH: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON STATUS OF POLICE FIRING RANGE PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council direct staff to proceed with the analysis and design of an indoor firing range at the current Eaton Canyon site.

BACKGROUND:

On March 12, 2001 the City Council authorized staff to proceed with the analysis and design of an indoor/outdoor range facility at the Eaton Canyon site. The firing range, in addition to meeting the Department's training needs, had to meet three additional objectives:

- Reduce gunfire noise to an acceptable level.
- Effectively contain bullets.
- Reduce the fire hazard.

Staff had recommended an indoor/outdoor range instead of a baffled type or indoor range due to cost and flexibility of use. The first step in the process however, was to procure a sound study to ensure that an indoor/outdoor range could reduce gunfire noise to an acceptable level.


A sound study was commissioned in April and completed on June 18, 2001. The study concluded that though there would be a reduction in the noise level associated with the firing range, it is highly improbable that an indoor/outdoor firing range could be constructed to meet the City's sound mitigation objectives. The study concluded that an indoor firing range is the only type that would meet each of the objectives.

Staff is therefore seeking City Council authorization to proceed with the research and analysis of an indoor firing range. Staff will be prepared to provide a status report in late September or early October, 2001. The timing of that report should coincide with final notification from the United States Department of Justice of the City's proposed utilization of the \$1.8 million in grant funds that have been designated for the project.

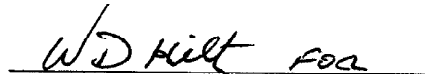
FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this recommendation will result in the commitment of staff time as well as minimal travel expense to further research this project. Sufficient funding exists within the FY 2002 police department operating budget to support these activities. No additional funds are being requested as a result of the recommendation.

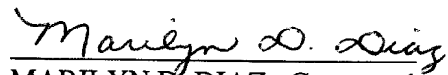
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