

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 28, 2003

THROUGH: FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF \$1,875,864 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDOOR POLICE FIRING RANGE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council recognize and appropriate \$1,875,864 in revenue from the Department of Justice, COPS 2001 Technology grant to Capital Improvement Project account 8114-301-71139, Indoor Firing Range at Eaton Canyon.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1927, the Police Department has operated an outdoor firing range on a City owned 19.5 acre property in Eaton Canyon. Over the past ten years, gunfire noise, containment of stray bullets, and a July 2000 fire started by a federal agent's bullet entering dry grass, prompted City officials to consider mitigation efforts.

In March 2001, Council authorized staff to proceed with the analysis and design of an indoor/outdoor firing range at the Eaton Canyon site. In April 2001, the City retained Veneklausen Associates, an acoustical engineering firm, to conduct sound studies in the vicinity of the current firing range. Their findings, presented in June 2001, recommended that the best solution to the gunfire noise, bullet containment, and fire hazard would be to build an indoor firing range.

In June 2001, Police Department staff applied to the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for a \$1,875,864 grant to build an indoor firing range.

In August 2001, City Council directed staff to proceed with the analysis and design of an indoor firing range based on the results of the sound study. In November 2001, the City retained the Chambers Group, an environmental analysis firm, to prepare an extensive environmental assessment report (EA). Staff prepared an initial study report describing the proposed project and identified potentially significant impacts that could be mitigated, including noise, hazards, and hazardous materials. On June 19 and July 3, 2002, staff

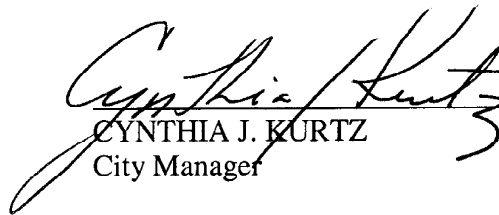
appeared at two public hearings to present the City report and the EA on the proposed indoor range.

On December 4, 2002, Zoning Hearing Officer approved Conditional Use Permit #4067 to allow the indoor firing range to be built on the proposed site. In February 2003, staff submitted final grant documents to the COPS office. On March 23, 2003, the COPS office officially awarded the \$1,875,864 to the City of Pasadena for designing and building the indoor firing range.

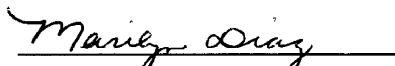
FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this recommendation will increase revenues to the Capital Improvement Program account 8114-301-71139 by \$1,875,864. Revenues will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Program account upon submission of expenditures.


Respectfully submitted,


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