

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

2006 MAR 29 PM 6:56

TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly  
FROM: Office of Parks and Recreation  
DATE: April 11, 2006

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION'S WHALE TAIL GRANTS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF PARKS AND RECREATION SAILING INTO SCIENCE FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

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### SUMMARY

Staff recommends that City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grant Program in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). If approved, the grant will allow the Office of Parks and Recreation to provide scholarships for underserved youth to participate in its Lake Merritt Boating Center Sailing Into Science field trip program.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Funds will be appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund (2992), Boating Organization (502350), Miscellaneous Educational Expenditures (55219). This grant program does not require a city match. Funds are received on a reimbursable basis. The grant will provide funding for expansion of an existing program, and therefore no additional expenses will be incurred.

### BACKGROUND

The Whale Tail Grants Program distributes funds from sales of the California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Coastal Protection License Plate. The grants support programs that teach California's children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state's marine and coastal resources.

The grant would provide funding for scholarships for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Title 1 schools in Oakland to participate in the Lake Merritt Boating Center Sailing Into Science field trip program. Title 1 schools are those schools that are federally designated as having the lowest achieving students living in the greatest poverty and are therefore often underserved by other enrichment programs. The Sailing Into Science program costs \$10 per student per day unless it is funded by outside sources like the Whale Tails Grants Program. Sailing Into Science offers environmental education and introduces participants to the sport of human-powered boating.

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### **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grant Program requires that applicants be either a non-profit organization or a governmental entity. The grants program focuses on reaching communities that are currently underserved in terms of marine and coastal education. The City's application would meet the minimum requirements of the Whale Tail Grants Program. The program requires passage of a Council resolution supporting the application before it is submitted. Applications are due in November 2006.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** Approval of this resolution does not offer economic opportunities.

**Environmental:** The Sailing Into Science field trip program encourages and promotes environmental stewardship of the unique aspects of Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary Watershed.

**Social Equity:** Scholarships are reserved for Oakland school children attending Title I schools. Grant funds will enable underserved Oakland youth the opportunity to participate in and experience an exceptional science and boating field trip program.

### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

Lake Merritt Boating Center programs are accessible to seniors and persons with disabilities.


### **RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends that City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grant Program in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to provide support for the Office of Parks and Recreation Sailing Into Science field trip program.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff requests that City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grant Program in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to provide support for the Office of Parks and Recreation Sailing Into Science field trip program.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**AUDREE V. JONES-TAYLOR**  
Director, Office of Parks and Recreation

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE:

  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

*Conor Stevanis*  
Oakland City Attorney's Office

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**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Whale Tail Grants Program supports enrichment programs that teach California's children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state's marine and coastal resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Parks and Recreation Sailing Into Science field trip program encourages and promotes environmental stewardship of the unique aspects of Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whale Tail Grants Program focuses on reaching communities that are currently underserved in terms of marine and coastal education; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant would provide funding for scholarships for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Title 1 schools in Oakland to participate in the Sailing Into Science field trip program; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 1 schools are those schools that are Federally designated as having the lowest achieving students living in the greatest poverty and are therefore often underserved by enrichment programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Whale Tail grant funds will enable underserved Oakland youth the opportunity to participate in and experience a special science and boating field trip program; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: that the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grant Program in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to provide support for the Office of Parks and Recreation Sailing Into Science field trip program; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: that the Office of the City Attorney has approved this resolution as to form and legality, and a copy will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California