



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Pete Constant

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 25, 2011

Approved

Date May 25, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

BACKGROUND

Program/Project Title: Restore Waste Bags to Dog Parks, Trails & Parks

Amount of City Funding Required: \$73,642

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes:

This will re-allocate existing General Fund dollars to preserve a majority of dog waste bags for trails, parks, and dog parks.

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Elimination of General Fund Support for the Office of Equality Assurance
Amount of City Funding Change: (\$73,642) – (of \$298,511 of the General Fund allocation for the Office of Equity Assurance)

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

With this budget adjustment we can prevent the deterioration of the health, safety, and cleanliness of our trails, parks, and dog parks. I propose to add back ~66% of the allocation for dog waste bags that was eliminated in the Proposed FY11-12 Budget.

In my Budget Document related to the retention of Workers' Compensation Claims Adjusters I proposed to eliminate General Fund support for the Office of Equality Assurance (OEA). That Budget Document re-budgets \$224,869 of the \$298,511 of General Fund dollars appropriated to OEA for the retention of these employees. This leaves \$73,642 of General Fund dollars available for re-budget to restore partial funding for dog waste bags.

City parks and trails will already see a significant reduction in the presence of Park Rangers who are responsible for enforcing rules such as requiring owners to clean up after their dogs. Providing dog waste bags encourages owners to clean up after their dogs. I have witnessed, first hand, that when these bags are available to the public, they use them.

This Budget Document will provide an allocation of \$73,642 in order to restore 66% of the funding needed to purchase dog waste bags. Additionally, the City Manager is directed to seek out possible private-sector sponsorships and other money-saving supply alternatives for dog waste bags.

Department or Organization: Office of the City Manager

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

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This change is:

_____ One-time _____ Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services