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To: Lemoore City Council **Item 3C**
From: Joe Simonson, Parks and Recreation
Director
Date: April 23, 2012
Subject: Request to Accept Bids for Heritage
Park Irrigation System
Repair/Budget Amendment

Discussion:

During the June 7, 2011 meeting, Council approved a Budget Amendment of \$38,000 Asset Replacement to Maintenance Account 4220-4840 in order to repair the irrigation system at Heritage Park that had been damaged by rodents. Control wires had been eaten and there was little communication with the clock. With the information that staff had at that time, staff believed that the problems with the irrigation system were isolated to a three valve area. Upon further inspection and investigation, we realized the problem was more widespread and now is throughout the park. Instead of doing incomplete repairs at that time, we decided as a stop gap measure to run each isolated valve on its own independent battery operated valve, while we investigated the extent of the damage. While this has partially worked for a short term basis, it is not manageable or efficient and will not work on an ongoing basis. Staff recommends that the irrigation repair/replacement project go out to bid seeking a proposal.

The proposed new landscape system will be installed entirely in conduit to prevent this problem from reoccurring in the future.

Budget Impact:

The project will include a base proposal that will repair all existing control systems in Heritage Park with an alternative proposal that will include a new system to areas not currently irrigated excluding the new Disc Golf Project. The engineer's estimate for the base proposal is \$95,777.00 and would be funded by asset replacement general fund which has a current balance of 1.3 million. The estimate for the alternate bid of \$66,350.00 would be funded by Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Fees with an estimated balance of \$872,436.00 at the end of the current two year CIP cycle.

Recommendation:

That Council authorize staff to seek bids to repair all existing control systems in Heritage Park and to bid on the alternate proposal as well.