

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

DECEMBER 9, 2004 - Jt. Communications

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DECEMBER 20, 2004 - Board Meeting

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INFORMATION CALENDAR

HOLLYDALE SCHOOL GARDEN UPDATE

SUMMARY:

The planning for the Hollydale School Garden in the City of South Gate is in the design phase. Staff and VMA, the outreach consultant for this Project, met with the landscape architects on November 23 to view prospective designs for the Garden. The Garden will extend from the school grounds to the adjacent property owned by Southern California Edison Company. Three possible designs that would utilize the designated area were presented. These are shown in Exhibit "A."

Since the school will be maintaining the Garden, their suggestions were integrated into the designs, which feature fruit trees, edible vegetation and a native plants display. The entrance will face the school for security reasons, and the Garden will be visible from the school at all times. Fencing options that would ensure security were discussed. A suggestion was made to plant a native plant display around the outside of the fence to enhance the appearance as well as keep outsiders from walking up to the Garden and disturbing the vegetation. Examples of the vegetation and fencing options are shown in Exhibit "B."

A meeting will be scheduled with school officials to discuss which design aspects they find most appealing. A budget and timeline for the Project will be completed once the school has chosen a design. To ease some of the funding responsibilities, staff will meet with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to discuss grant options based on the native plant aspect of the Garden.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funding for the landscape architect was previously approved by the Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Joint Communications Committee on December 9, 2004 and agendaized to the December 20, 2004 Board meeting as information for discussion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is for information only.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Hollydale Preliminary Landscape Plan

Exhibit "B" - Vegetation and Fencing Options

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