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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 07-118

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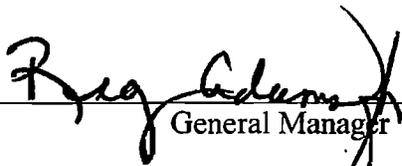
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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK RESTORATION ACCOUNT - ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
SPECIAL FUND - ACCOUNT NUMBER 9300 FOR DONATIONS TO THE  
GRIFFITH PARK RESTORATION

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to create an interest bearing account in Fund 302, Department 89, Account 9300 for donations the Department may receive for the restoration of Griffith Park due to the recent fire.

SUMMARY:

On May 8, 2007, a brush fire broke out in Griffith Park and in two days consumed over 900 acres of park land. The fire caused significant damage in the canyons and peaks north and east of Mount Hollywood and destroyed a number of hiking trails, overlooks, and view sheds.

With over 4,300 acres of parkland and open space, Griffith Park is the largest municipal urban park in the United States. The park provides a range of facilities and recreational areas, open spaces, and natural resources for residents and visitors to enjoy and is home to a number of world famous attractions including the Los Angeles Zoo, the Autry National Center, the Griffith Observatory, and the Hollywood Sign.

The fire destroyed the majority of the mixed chaparral and mixed shrub plant communities and caused significant damage to the oaks, sycamores, and other woodland communities. While the damage to the existing ecosystem is critical, most of the park's native trees and shrubs, which may appear to be dead from the fire, will recover naturally over the course of the next 10 to 15 years. It is necessary now; however, to protect and stabilize the newly exposed topsoil to allow nature to repair and heal the burned areas since the missing plant life had acted as a natural stabilizer.

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The public has responded to this disaster by offering to make donations to restore Griffith Park. These donated funds will be used towards, but not limited to, employee overtime; contract services; purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials; and other necessary expenditures for restoration of Griffith Park. Specific conditions placed on donated funds by the donor will be noted upon receipt of the donation, and those funds will be used only as directed by the donor; however, if the Department is unable to accommodate the stipulated condition, staff will contact the donor.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Donations that will be deposited into Fund 302, Department 89, Account 9300 will help offset costs towards the Griffith Park restoration.

Report prepared by Faith Mok, Chief Financial Officer, and Vicki Israel, Griffith Region Superintendent.