



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Grant Yates, City Manager

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Date: April 9, 2019

Subject: ADDITIONAL FISH STOCKING 2018-19

Recommendation

Approve additional Service Contract for Golden State Bait for fish stocking services.

Background

Each year the City of Lake Elsinore stocks Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish and Black Crappie. The fish stockings help to balance the ecology of the lake and encourage recreational sport fishing.

Discussion

In August 2018, City Council approved a Service Contract with Golden State Bait for fish stocking services over the FY 2018-19. Several stockings had been completed prior to the end of the 2018 Calendar year. In the Fall, Lake Elsinore experienced the Holy Fire, scorching hills on the north side of the City. In December 2018 – March 2019, the City experience the Holy Floods, significant rain flows that transferred water and debris off the mountain to the shoreline, filtering into the lake. These two events had an adverse effect, influencing the fish population with a winter die off (150 tons), primarily Carp which is a detriment to the aquaculture. The rains brought much needed water into the lake, raising the elevation by approximately 8 feet (December 2018: 1,234 to March: 1,241.5 above sea level) and staff have been communicating with Wood Environment (water quality consultants) and confirmed the water quality has improved to continue to increase the fish population.

Staff is recommending additional stockings for FY2018-19 to increase the game fish population.

Fiscal Impact

The Contract shall not-to-exceed \$50,000 and is covered under the Community Services Department budget.

Exhibits

A - Service Contract