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February 24, 1984
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MAR 10 1984

OFFICE OF THE
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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Weed Control of Public Areas (Outside Subdivision Walls and Median Strips)

SUMMARY

The City of Sacramento is responsible for the maintenance of property located between the curbs and fences outside subdivision walls as well as median strips. This report provides information regarding the maintenance and weed control of these areas. A budget amendment is requested to finance a maintenance program for the remainder of this fiscal year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City Council, at its January 10, 1984 meeting, directed staff to prepare a program for maintenance and weed control of the property located between the curbs and fences outside subdivision walls. These areas are currently not maintained, but are the City's responsibility. Most are located in highly visible areas along the City's arterial streets. In addition to these areas, staff has identified a serious maintenance problem with respect to unplanted (dirt) and paved median strips. Planted median strips become the maintenance responsibility of the Parks and Community Services Department. The 585 unplanted (dirt) and paved median strips are maintained at a minimal level by the Public Works Department utilizing Summer Youth Program personnel once a year. Staff from both departments recognize that these median strips could be maintained more efficiently and effectively utilizing chemical weed controls. Use of chemical weed controls requires extensive training and certification in chemical use and therefore cannot be used by the Summer Youth Program personnel. In addition to the aesthetic and visibility problem created by a lack of regular maintenance, damage to the asphalt pavement will result as the weed root systems expand.

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Council has previously indicated that the severity of the unmaintained property outside the subdivisions is such that immediate action is necessary. The January 10, 1984 Council report (attached) identifies the estimated development and maintenance costs for the areas outside the subdivisions. Staff has prepared an on-going maintenance program utilizing trained staff assigned to the Parks Division and chemical weed control methods for both the unimproved areas (subdivision walls and medians). The program would require two crews (four positions), two pickup trucks, two chemical spray tanks, safety equipment and chemicals. Implementation of the program in early spring is recommended. Following is a cost estimate for the remainder of this fiscal year:

	<u>PROBLEM AREAS</u>	
	<u>Subdivision Wall Property</u>	<u>Paved & Unplanted Median Strips</u>
<u>Employee Services:</u>	\$15,027	\$15,027
(2) Maintenance Worker II positions		
(2) Maintenance Worker I positions		
<u>Other Services and Supplies:</u>	5,303	5,303
Safety equipment, chemicals, and vehicle maintenance		
<u>Equipment:</u>	14,700	14,700
(2) Pickup trucks and		
(2) spray tanks		
	<u>\$35,030</u>	<u>\$35,030</u>
<u>Total for both areas:</u>		<u>\$70,060</u>

The equipment and spray tank as well as some of the safety equipment are one time costs to initiate the program. Staff recommends a budget amendment of \$70,060 for this fiscal year to finance the program. Once the initial investment is made, the total annual cost for FY 1984-85 is \$151,792. This is a major budget item and should be considered a high priority during the upcoming annual budget process. If the program is not initiated this fiscal year, the initial investment and annual cost would be \$182,436 for FY 1984-85.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION

The Planning and Community Development Committee, at its meeting of February 22, 1984, unanimously approved the staff recommendation to implement a maintenance and weed control program in the Parks Division April 1, 1984.

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FINANCIAL DATA

A budget amendment of \$70,060 is required to implement the maintenance program this fiscal year. Funds are available in the Administrative Contingency Reserve Fund. Funding for FY 1984-85 should be considered in the annual budget process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve, by resolution:

1. Implementing the maintenance/weed control program in the Parks Division April 1, 1984;
2. Amending the FY 1983-84 Parks Division operating budget by \$70,060 to finance the program;
3. Considering the full program as part of the 1984-85 budget considerations.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Thomas
 ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director
 Parks and Community Services

John F. Varozza
 for JOHN F. VAROZZA
 Director of Public Works

Recommendation Approved:

Walter J. Slupe
 WALTER J. SLUPE
 City Manager

RPT:js

March 13, 1984
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December 29, 1983

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Estimated Development and Maintenance Costs Associated with Subdivision Walls Along Arterial Streets

SUMMARY

This report provides the estimated costs for development and maintenance of the City-owned property located between the curb and fences along arterial streets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City of Sacramento's 1974 General Plan Update permitted the design of subdivisions with walls facing arterial streets. These walls have ranged from wooden fences with no landscaping to masonry fences with complete landscaping maintained by the subdivision association fees. Since the majority of these walls and the land adjacent to them are not maintained, an increasing liability and maintenance problem occurs with each new wall.

The Parks Division has estimated the development and maintenance cost for landscaping utility easements located between the curb and private property fences along City arterial streets.

The problem has been broken down into similar groupings which are as follows:

- 1. Group I: 12 to 42 inch wide landscape areas between sidewalk and property fence.

Miles of development needed	2.7
Approximate development cost	\$84,200
Approximate maintenance cost per year	\$9,142

- 2. Group II: Paved area with tree wells between sidewalk and property fence.

Miles of development needed	1.4
Approximate development cost	\$28,300
Approximate maintenance cost per year	\$10,596

3. Group III: Park strip between curb and sidewalk with some landscape area behind sidewalk to property fence.

Miles of development needed	1.4
Approximate development cost	\$90,000
Approximate maintenance cost per year	\$11,119

4. Group IV: Large landscape area between sidewalk or curb and property fence.

Miles of development needed	1.2
Approximate development cost	\$125,000
Approximate maintenance cost per year	\$10,046

5. Group V: Large landscape area between sidewalk or curb and property fence or wall and some park strips, all privately maintained.

Miles of development needed	.4
Approximate development cost	0
Approximate maintenance cost per year	0

6. Group VI: 65th Street Expressway. Landscape area includes some areas with curb and sidewalk as well as no curb and open drainage ditches.

Miles of development needed	4.8
Approximate development cost	\$1,680,000
Approximate maintenance cost per year	\$24,000

Grand Total: 15.5 miles of development,
\$2,007,500 development cost at
\$64,903 per year maintenance cost

FINANCIAL DATA

The current estimated liability to the City of Sacramento is \$2,007,500 for development and \$64,903 per year for maintenance when the development occurs at 1983 prices. There is no identified funding source for these costs.

RECOMMENDATION

This report was reviewed by the Planning and Community Development Committee of the City Council on December 13, 1983. The Committee unanimously recommended:

1. The report be forwarded to the City Council for information.
2. That staff report back in February of 1984 with a maintenance plan for the 15.5 miles of unimproved landscape areas in the public right-of-way.

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- 3. That funding of the improvements to the public right-of-way be discussed during the development of the 1984-85 City budget.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:

WALTER J. SLIPE
City Manager

RPT:js

January 10, 1983
All Districts

RESOLUTION NO. 84-208

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 1983-84
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
(PARKS DIVISION) TO INITIATE A WEED CONTROL PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. That implementation of a weed control/maintenance program for the City-owned property located adjacent to subdivision walls and median strips (paved and unplanted) requires a budget amendment.
2. That the Parks Division budget is hereby increased by .5 FTE Park Maintenance Worker II and .5 FTE Park Maintenance Worker I limited term positions for the remainder of FY 1983-84.
3. That the City operating budget for FY 1983-84 is hereby amended by transferring \$70,060 from the Administrative Contingency Reserve Fund, budget no. 1-01-7012-0000-4399, to the Parks Division budget as follows:

1-01-4583-5225-4101	-	\$30,054
1-01-4583-5225-4632	-	24,000
1-01-4583-5225-4630	-	5,400
1-01-4583-5225-4434	-	1,244
1-01-4583-5225-4221	-	600
1-01-4583-5225-4401	-	6,000
1-01-4583-5225-4461	-	1,358
1-01-4583-5225-4234	-	<u>1,404</u>

TOTAL: \$70,060

for the purpose stated in paragraph one.

4. That funding for the on-going program will be considered during the FY 1984-85 budget considerations.

APPROVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

MAR 15 1984

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK