



**Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM WEST BASIN WATER DISTRICT WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION GRANT**

(Environmental Programs Manager Douglas Krauss)

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Accept \$2,000 in grant funds from the West Basin Water District;
2. Approve estimated revenue of \$2,000 in the Grant Fund; and
3. Appropriate \$2,000 in the Grant Fund for the purchase of a water bottle filling station.

**Executive Summary:**

Staff applied for, and was successful in securing, grant funding from West Basin Water District (West Basin) to support the installation of a water bottle filling station (filling station) at South Park. Staff recommends acceptance and appropriation of these grant funds to help offset the purchase this equipment.

**Background:**

The City successfully secured similar grant funds from West Basin for water bottle filling stations in the past. In 2019, the City received funding and installed filling stations in Valley Park and the Greenbelt near Pier Avenue. In 2021, the City received funds to install a filling station in the northern dugout of Clark Field. In 2023, the City received funds to install a filling station on the western dugout of Clark Field. These filling stations offer a convenient place for community members to refill reusable water bottles or get a drink for themselves or their pets. The grants fund up to \$1,000 for indoor filling stations and \$2,000 for outdoor filling stations and agencies may apply for the funding twice per year.

***Past Council Actions***

Meeting Date	Description
<a href="#">December 14, 2021</a>	Appropriated funds from the West Basin grant to fund installation of water bottle filling station at Clark Field northern dugout.
<a href="#">February 27, 2024</a>	Appropriated funds received in 2023 from the West Basin grant as part of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mid-Year Budget Review to fund installation of water bottle filling station at Clark Field western dugout.

**Discussion:**

Staff applied for the grant funds in 2024 and received notice of the funding award in September 2024. Staff is planning to replace the existing fountain in South Park, near the western side of the playground with the new filling station. The existing fountain is beyond its useful life and is in need of replacement. Staff will continue to apply for this funding and identify other strategic locations for future installations.

**General Plan Consistency:**

This report and associated recommendations have been evaluated for their consistency with the City's General Plan. Relevant policies are listed below:

*Sustainability and Conservation Element*

**Goal 5. Water conservation practices, recycled water use, and innovative water technologies support a resource efficient community**

Policy:

**6.1 Water conservation programs.** Update and improve water conservation and efficiency programs, requirements, and incentives on a regular basis.

**Fiscal Impact:**

If approved, staff would appropriate \$2,000 in the Grant Fund and add the corresponding estimated revenue of \$2,000 in the Grant Fund for the South Park filling station. The filling station is expected to cost a total of \$3,592.

The South Park filling station was recently purchased using budgeted FY 2024-25 Public Works Parks Division maintenance materials funded by the General Fund. Acceptance of the West Basin grant funds would help offset the purchase cost by \$2,000 so the fiscal impact to the General Fund would be reduced from \$3,592 to \$1,592.

**Attachment:**

Award Letter

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Douglas Krauss, Environmental Programs Manager

**Noted for Fiscal Impact:** Brandon Walker, Administrative Services Director

**Legal Review:** Patrick Donegan, City Attorney

**Reviewed by:** Angela Crespi, Deputy City Manager

**Approved:** Suja Lowenthal, City Manager