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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Subject: 12th Annual Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council extend the sound permit from 11-5 p.m. for the 12th Annual Watershed Environmental Poetry event in Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center Park, Saturday, August 18, 2007. Further, that the Council allows a Watershed Environmental Poetry stage banner above the Peace Wall and waive fees for staff and necessary equipment associated with hanging the banners.

BACKGROUND:

The Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival, now in its twelfth successful year, has become a sounding board for artists and activists to celebrate with the community a free day of poetry, music and interactive environmental events. The extension of the sound permit will allow enough time for the voices and spoken word of the Berkeley community to be heard, as well as show the city's support in this national environmental art project.

In previous years the city has waived these fees for the event. The festival organizers have agreed to pay all other event and sound fees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Waiving \$250 in fees for staff time and equipment to hang banner.

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