



CITY COUNCIL

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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Darryl Moore
Subject: Budget Referral: Restore Electricity to Aquatic Park EGRET's Cabin

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer the following to the FY2008-2009 budget process: A request for \$15,000 to be used to pay for equipment and services related to restoring electricity to the Aquatic Park EGRET cabin.

BACKGROUND:

Aquatic Park EGRET is a community-based volunteer organization that works to improve Aquatic Park, Berkeley's largest city park for visitors and wildlife. EGRET assists in the stewardship of this regional biological resource by enhancing the habitat value of the park through tending of native coastal plantings. EGRET engage in a variety of activities including pulling weeds, spreading mulch, removing trash, and planting native vegetation to provide food, shelter, and screening for the park's birds.

The power lines for the EGRET cabin were brought down by a fallen tree several years back and this last winter another tree pulled the electrical conduit from under the eaves. The public works department has received several bids for the work and materials involved in restoring power to the EGRET cabin and \$15,000 should insure that this work could be done along with any incidental costs that may arise, ie. overtime costs, utility costs, etc.

The EGRET cabin has served as a base of operations for their volunteer efforts for their various projects in Aquatic Park and has recently been converted into an interpretive center where the EGRETs can showcase the various type of wildlife that resides in Aquatic Park. Electricity is necessary for the cabin to effectively serve as an interpretive center and for the cabin to be used beyond daylight hours.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$15,000

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