

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT Meeting: September 3, 2020

<u>Subject</u> McClellan Ranch Community Garden Volunteer Effort Update.

Recommended Action

Review and provide feedback regarding the proposed volunteer efforts and outreach for the McClellan Ranch community garden.

Discussion

Construction of the McClellan Ranch community garden was scheduled to begin on March 18, 2020. The project was temporarily put on hold due to COVID-19. Construction resumed on July 14 and is expected to be completed in early November. To help reduce the costs associated with the garden construction, and engage the community in the project, The City Council instructed staff to recruit volunteers to assist in the construction of the garden beds. Volunteer efforts may be impacted due to COVID-19 restrictions. We anticipate that Volunteers will be utilized to assemble, set and fill the beds and help with the spreading of mulch, topsoil, and wood chips. Public Works staff will procure and prepare materials to build the boxes. We anticipate the volunteer effort to require at least 3-4 days, with opportunities available on both weekdays and weekends. The project will be supervised by Parks & Recreation staff, Public Works staff, and our Master Gardeners.

<u>Sustainability Impact</u> No sustainability impacts.

<u>Fiscal Impact</u> TBD pending COVID-19 restrictions and ability to involve volunteers.

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