



City Council Meeting Date: March 2, 2021

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

FROM: Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator
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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to sign an Access Agreement with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign an Access Agreement with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) to utilize a portion of the Airport to place a monitoring trailer to conduct DIDSON monitoring activities (attached).

Background:

Staff has been contacted by representatives of the Commission to place a trailer on the lower bench of the airport near the edge of the river to assist in monitoring trends of the steelhead population in the Santa Ynez River.

Discussion:

Staff has met onsite with representatives of the Commission and discussed the monitoring to take place in the Santa Ynez River. The purpose of these efforts will be to generate reliable steelhead abundance estimates and monitor the status and long-term trends of the steelhead population in the Santa Ynez River. Staff does not expect those monitoring activities to negatively impact City property or aviation activities at the airport.

The Agreement includes a number of requirements to protect the interests of the City and the users of the airport. Pursuant to the Agreement, the specific location and operations of the Commission at the airport are subject to the City's approval and direction. Additionally, the Agreement requires the Commission to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City related to any damages or losses resulting from the Commission's activities at the airport.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no cost associated with this agreement.

Conclusion:

This Agreement should not negatively impact the City and will assist the Commission in the performance of a grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Fernbaugh, Aviation/Transportation Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:

Michael W. Luther, P.E., Public Works Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: Access Agreement