

AGENDA ITEM: _____
DATE: 8/3/2015

**CITY OF CASA GRANDE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date Submitted:	7/13/2015	Date Requested:	8/3/2015
Type of Action Requested		Subject	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Action/Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Consider a Resolution Authoring the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Arizona (Arizona Game and Fish Commission) for the Community Fishing Program	

RECOMMENDATION:

The Casa Grande Parks Division requests authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to participate in the Arizona Game and Fish Community Fishing Program. This is a seasonal lake stocking program for a duration of 4 years.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Fishing Program has been in place for 30 years and currently includes 35 city park lakes. The program is a partnership between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and 16 cities across the state, including several in the Phoenix area, Maricopa, Tucson, Payson, and Yuma. The benefits of joining the Community Fishing Program include regular fish stocking, periodic lake assessment reports, Fishing Information signage, periodic angler surveys, various support and technical assistance.

Upon joining the program the Game and Fish Department will provide routine stockings of fish at the Dave White Park Lake for anglers. Currently the lake at Dave White Park is stocked once a year prior to the Catfish Rodeo in the spring. Regular program stockings will include:

- catchable rainbow trout in December and February
- channel catfish in October, April, and June
- sunfish (usually bluegill or redear) at least once annually
- Other approved fish species may be stocked as necessary

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Community Fishing Program requires an annual payment to the Arizona Game and Fish Department to defray the cost of program operations. During FY16 and FY17 the cost per surface acre of water stocked is \$416.00 and increases in FY18 and FY19 to \$425.00. Dave White Park Lake is 9/10 of a surface acre of water. Currently the cost of the spring stocking is \$1,400.00; funds are available in the Community Services Budget to cover the Community Fishing Program fees.

Water	Area (Acres)	Stocking Strategy	FY16-17 Cost/acre	FY16 Cost	FY17 Cost	FY18-19 Cost/acre	FY18 Cost	FY19 Cost
Dave White Regional Park Pond	1.00	Expansion	\$416	\$416	\$416	\$425	\$425	\$425
			TOTAL	\$416	\$416	TOTAL	\$425	\$425

Reviewed by
Finance Director: Doug Sandstrom

Reviewed by
City Attorney: Brett Wallace

ALTERNATIVES:

To deny this action.
To delay this action.

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