

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 11/28/2005		Item Number: <u>C-7</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency, California Environmental Task Force and the City of Culver City Treasurer's Office to establish an Account for the Purposes of Depositing, Distributing and Accounting of Funds.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Captain Hank Davies		Phone Number: (310) 253-6396	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master Notification List 11/23/05			
Department Approval: John A. Montanio 11/17/2005		CAO Approval: Martin Cole for Jerry Fulwood 11/22/05	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang 11/22/05			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> That the City Council authorize the Culver City Treasurer to enter into an "Agreement to Deposit and Transfer Monies from the California Environmental Protection Task Force Account" and the Culver City Police Chief to enter into a <i>Plan of Cooperation with the California Environmental Protection Task Force</i>. <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> During this year, the Culver City Police Department entered into an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) California Environmental Protection Task Force. The Culver City Police Department has assigned reserve officers, on a limited basis, to assist this task force in working to investigate and monitor activities associated with protection of the environmental and wildlife areas of Los Angeles County. This task force has been successful in prosecuting a number of entities that have violated federal laws related to EPA standards. As part of the agreement with EPA, the Culver City Police Department would be eligible to receive a part of the funds associated with case settlements, penalties, fines and/or asset forfeitures resulting from the violations of these environmental laws. The awards would be proportionate to the participation of the Police Department. Any awards may not supplant any existing funds budgeted to the Police Department. The guidelines are much the same as drug asset forfeitures.			

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The EPA has been unable to locate a suitable depository for these awarded fees and has asked the City of Culver City Treasurer's Office to act in this capacity. In return for these services, the City of Culver City would be entitled to reimbursement for its services in connection with the administration of the funds in an amount equal to 2% per annum of the funds deposited in the account.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There would be no cost to the City and it is anticipated that the 2% administrative fee would cover all services rendered in the administration of this fund. Currently there is no cost for the Police Department's participation in this task force as all personnel assigned are reserve officers and equipment is provided. There is a strong likelihood that the Police Department will receive a portion of any future awards based on its participation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. *Plan of Cooperation "California Environmental Protection Task Force*
2. *Agreement to Deposit and Transfer Monies from the California Environmental Protection Task Force Account*

MOTION:

1. That the City Council authorize the City Treasurer to sign the *Agreement to Deposit and Transfer Monies from the California Environmental Protection Task Force Account*.
2. That the City council authorize the Police Chief to sign the *Plan of Cooperation California Environmental Protection Task Force* agreement.