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Prepared By: Martin R. Erickson Agenda Item No. **N-1**

Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature] City Attorney [Signature] Finance [Signature] Other (Specify) _____

DATE: September 1, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: Edmund F. Sotelo, City Manager
City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Authorization of Measure O funds toward McGrath State Beach

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate with representatives of McGrath State Beach a loan or grant up to \$150,000 in Measure O funding, with the provision this funding will be used toward repairing a sewer line to keep the park open.

DISCUSSION

In April 2011 the City Council of the City of Oxnard learned that due to the State budget crisis, McGrath State Beach would face imminent closure due to lack of funds to repair approximately \$500,000 of sewer line repairs. Upon learning this news, the City Council, particularly Councilman Bryan MacDonald, and City Manager's office staff began to search for solutions toward identifying the funding to keep the park open. Since April, numerous discussions and meetings with State Parks staff led to the City Council's consideration to use up to \$150,000 to keep this important State Park open.

This contribution by the City will be combined with other funding that California State Parks and its partners hope to secure to repair a rusting pipeline that carries sewage from park campgrounds under the Santa Clara River bridge on Harbor Boulevard to the City of Ventura's wastewater treatment facility. California State Parks is aiming to provide \$350,000 of the total repair costs, with the hope that local agencies can come up with the remaining \$150,000. California State Parks announced on August 30 it has committed \$100,000 toward the repairs and reiterated it is applying for a \$250,000 grant through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

On August 26, City of Oxnard officials Mayor Pro Tem Irene Pinkard and Councilwoman Carmen Ramirez joined with State Senator Fran Pavley, Assemblyman Das Williams, and Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza in a press conference at McGrath State Beach to encourage residents to support the park, and encourage residents to go online to vote in Coca-Cola's "America's Favorite

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Park” contest. The parks that receive the most votes in this national competition will win \$100,000 for first place, \$50,000 for second place, and \$25,000 for third place.

Oxnard voters’ passage of Measure O, a half-cent general purpose sales tax in November 2008, has generated enough funding for consideration of this action.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are adequate revenues in the Measure O account for this action to proceed.