

City Of Piedmont
Council Agenda Report

DATE: November 15, 2004

FROM: Mark E. Feldkamp, Park & Project Manager

SUBJECT: **Approval of a Proposal from Eagle Scout Candidate to Affix Storm Drain Markers to the City Catch Basins**

BACKGROUND:

Jack Seabolt , an Eagle Scout Candidate , who resides at #7 Wildwood Gardens will come before you to propose an Eagle Scout Project to affix storm drain markers to the city's 330 catch basins located throughout the City. The approximate City costs are \$2,000 to pay for the proposed decals (please see the attached decal mock-up) for size, graphics and color. The markers are proposed to be affixed to the top or on an adjacent location of the storm inlet with a message- "No Dumpin.g Drains To Bay" or "No Dumping Drains To Lake Merritt."

Under an agreement with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in January, 1999, the City of Piedmont developed a public outreach program as a substitute for a painted stencil notice which was implemented by many other cities. Piedmont decided not to use stenciled storm water decals which were inappropriate and added to the visual pollution of the neighborhoods.

Mr. Seabolt has presented a second generation product that we find to be visually in keeping with the streetscape and which is durable enough to withstand environmental pressures. The vast majority of cities in Alameda County have now gone to this new program and consider it a success.

Several meetings have been held with Jack Seabolt and his father Rick Seabolt. On September 8, 2004, an E-mail (copy attached) was received from Alexis Straus, Director, Water Division EPA in support of the proposal. The Seabolts are eager to implement this proposal given the deadlines for the Eagle Scout Award. Jack Seabolt must prepare a written report describing his project for approval by his Eagle Advisor. Given his age (17), he must complete the project by his 18th birthday-June in 2005.

In the past the City has only funded renovation or repair to existing City infrastructure. This new project also requires funding. If the City Council wishes to approve \$2,000, it should be appropriated from the General Fund which would pay for all of the material costs. All labor will be supplied by Jack Seabolt, the Eagle Scout candidate. If approved we anticipate that the project would be implemented in the spring of 2005.