DESCRIPTION

The parks division is responsible for the landscape maintenance of approximately 300 acres of municipal parks, landscaped areas, traffic medians, athletic fields and open land areas while maintaining approximately 17 miles of associated bikeways.

MISSION

The Division is committed to providing excellent service with a positive "can do" attitude while maintaining all parks and open space land, preserving the aesthetics and usability of these facilities for all.

GOALS

- Provide support to the Recreation and Parks Department and to the public for aesthetic and recreational needs.
- Maintain comprehensive weed abatement program in order to preserve the aesthetics and usefulness of City facilities.
- Strategically apply insecticides to reduce insect populations in and around City facilities.

OBJECTIVES

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS

- Upgrade or replace parks playground equipment identified in the playground audit, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1055.
- Continue biweekly playground inspections to insure all playground sites are in compliance with AB1055.
- Collaborate with Community Services, Planning and Engineering Departments to insure proper coordination of park development throughout the City.
- Attend scheduled meetings to insure park development meets City design standards. Work closely with the Engineering and Recreation departments ensuring timely installation of all Proposition 12 projects.
- 3. Continue Rose-Garden upgrades.
- Upgrade the irrigation system during FY 2005.

PARKS MAINTENANCE

OBJECTIVES

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS

4. Monitor tree-trimming program through out the City, including City parks.

Ensure all park pruning is completed by June 2005.

5. Vegetation management within the City Utility Right-of-Ways.

Apply herbicide applications quarterly.

2004-2005 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Once again, part time summer help Park Workers are requested to perform heavy summer cleaning requirements. They will also assist full time personnel with larger maintenance projects, and with work generated from the increased summer activity scheduled in the city park system.

Five playgrounds within the City parks system will be retrofitted, using Prop. 12 funds. Staff will need to replenish fall zone surfacing material to playgrounds as well.

Two full-time Parks Maintenance workers were requested, but not recommended at this time.