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# **\$120 million for razing, building at Great Park**

## **Park board unanimously recommends approval to Irvine City Council of the proposed 2007-08 budget.**

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IRVINE - The Great Park Corp. will spend \$120 million in the 2007-08 fiscal year to demolish the old El Toro base's buildings and homes and pulverize concrete, and to start building the park beginning with grading, roads and utilities.

Those are the largest allocations made in the park's proposed 2007-08 \$130.7 million budget unanimously recommended for City Council approval Thursday by the Great Park Board.

The Great Park Corp.'s communications' costs decreased from 2006-07 to the future fiscal year by more than \$700,000. That stems mostly from two large events held in 2006 – a final tour of the old air base for the public, and a presentation of a draft of plans for the park.

On the other hand, operations costs will go up later in 2007-08 from the previous year by \$1.8 million. That department will add a staff person, operate the balloon attraction and manage existing and future leases of the land.

The Great Park Corp.'s funding comes from leasing out land at the base, payment by the Lennar Corp. of developer fees and income based on future property tax value of the old base property.

Highlights of the proposed budget:

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **\$98.5 million**

- Demolish buildings, concrete and other areas as needed for installing roads, utilities and sewers.
- Build utilities, streets and sewers.
- Grade and drain the wildlife corridor.
- Grade and drain the Agua Chinon stream.

### **PARK DEVELOPMENT**

### **\$21.5 million**

- Demolish some of the base's buildings, concrete and other areas.
- Grade the future park's southern area.
- Preserve historical elements of the former air base.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **\$5.3 million**

- Find more funding for the park.
- Update the business plan.
- Create a fund for roads, sewers and utilities.

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **\$2.5 million**

- Manage the balloon attraction.
- Manage leases.
- Analyze the future park's operating costs..

### **ENGINEERING**

#### **\$1.2 million**

- Work with designers on extended contract, schematic design and construction documents.
- Complete first-phase demolition planning.
- Coordinate with the Lennar Corp. to build common roads, sewers and utilities, and to obtain permits.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **\$888,700**

- Coordinate press interviews, briefings and high-profile events.
- Coordinate the History Project and National Archives objectives.

### **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

**\$800,000**

•Complete schematic design for the park and begin construction documents for the first phase.

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