

COUNCIL AGENDA: APRIL 16, 2013

SUBJECT: REQUEST BY WILDPLACES TO WAIVE FEES FOR USE OF CITY DUMPSTER - CLEANUP PROJECT ALONG TULE RIVER WALKWAY

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: The City received a letter from Mr. Carlos Gomez, Program Manager of WildPlaces, a non-profit organization located in Springville. Mr. Gomez is requesting the use of a 4-yard City dumpster and asks that all fees associated with the use of the dumpster be waived.

WildPlaces has teamed up with Porterville College M.E.Ch.A and has scheduled a cleanup from 10 A.M. to Noon on April 20, 2013. WildPlaces expects to fill one 4-yard dumpster cleaning up along the Tule River Walkway from Jaye Street to Main Street. Under normal circumstances, a 4-yard dumpster rents for \$42.80 per pickup and disposal.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT: Letter from WildPlaces

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Attn: John D. Lollis
City Manager
Porterville, CA

My name is Carlos Gomez; I am the Program Manager for WildPlaces, a growing non-profit organization based in Springville, CA. in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Our mission is to preserve, support, and protect California's natural and rural places and the peoples of these landscapes through volunteer-driven habitat restoration, nature and culture education, and career development.

We are partnering up with Porterville College M.E.Ch.A. to create a Tule River Clean-Up on April 20th from 10 to noon, the clean-up will take place at Jaye Street River Walkway, in Porterville. We understand that in a current economic climate it is sometimes difficult to retain funding and resources for projects like these so we would like to contribute as much as we can to improve and beautify our amazing community.

We kindly ask if we can count on your support to help make this project a reality. We are in need of a garbage container in which we can dispose all the garbage collected from the river and nearby areas. We would also like to request the fee for the container to be waived. As a non-profit organization any donation received is tax deductible, our tax id number is: 95-4116679.

Additionally, if your schedule allows it, we would like to invite you to participate in this event or join us for a free BBQ after the clean-up at Murray Park at 1pm.

Best Regards,

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