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Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
August 13, 2002

**BEACH CITIES COMMITTEE – POTENTIAL AREAS WHERE THE CITIES COULD
DEVELOP JOINT PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF ALL
PARTICIPATING CITIES**

Recommendation:

That the City Council review the following listing of potential areas where the Beach Cities Committee could consider operating jointly or under contract to the other cities.

Background:

Council Member Yoon, at the 7/23/02 meeting, discussed the idea that the Beach Cities Committee could become the vehicle for increased cooperation between the cities by jointly operating or contacting with each other for various services. Staff was directed to return with some potential service areas that could be considered at the next Beach Cities Committee meeting. The following is a listing that staff has developed that might be worth considering:

- Animal Control enforcement
- Animal Control housing
- Sewer line maintenance
- Traffic signal maintenance contracts
- Parks maintenance contracts
- Beach and ocean safety
- Joint purchasing of supplies
- Information System back-up/disaster recovery plans

The list can probably cover most services and operations that each of the cities are willing to consider providing in some other fashion either with a single participating city, group of cities, or private contractor. There are a number of joint efforts underway now that seemed to have worked well. The biggest operation is the combined dispatch center with El Segundo. We purchase fuel from Redondo Beach. Several of the cities have the same basic financial software and we have done joint training and share experiences in keeping the systems running. Under an agreement, all 15 South Bay Cities participate in the Area G Disaster Response Program, and this program allows sharing of equipment and personnel in times of disasters. It would seem that this would be a good starting point for a discussion to determine whether or not there is interest from the others to move forward in one or more the service areas listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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