



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: August 2, 2011

ITEM NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT: COSTA MESA POP WARNER REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE USE OF NEWPORT MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT JIM SCOTT STADIUM AS PART OF THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT**

**DATE: JULY 25, 2011**

**FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/RECREATION DIVISION**

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## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council consider the request by Costa Mesa Pop Warner and:

1. Authorize staff to discuss including Jim Scott Stadium into the Joint Use Agreement with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District; and
2. Authorize City payment of up to one-half (1/2) of the annual rental of Jim Scott Stadium to a maximum of \$10,000 beginning with the 2010 season.

## BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

On July 19, 2011 a letter was sent by Costa Mesa Pop Warner (CMPW) to CEO Tom Hatch requesting that the City amend the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) between the City and Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) to include the use of the Jim Scott Stadium and to retroactively include the 2010 user fees (Attachment 1).

Currently, the Jim Scott Stadium is not part of the JUA. The stadium is operated and permitted by the NMUSD. NMUSD charges \$60.66 an hour for the use of the stadium; these fees cover 1 to 3 District staff monitoring and cleaning the site after event usage. Based on information provided by NMUSD, in 2010 they permitted CMPW for 13 events, ranging from 3-12 hours per event during the months of August to October as shown on Attachment 2.

CMPW is a Group 1 Field User which is a non-profit, youth organization that has an "everyone plays" philosophy and turns no child away that wants to play. As a Group 1 organization, they have a fee waiver for use of any of the Costa Mesa fields. CMPW provides flag football for Costa Mesa youth ages 5-16, tackle football for Costa Mesa youth ages 5-14 and Cheerleading for Costa Mesa youth ages 5-15. CMPW has provided Football and Cheerleading opportunities to the youth of Costa Mesa for many years and meets the 75% or greater residency needed to remain a Group 1 field user. The organization's mission statement is "to exceed the expectations of our community's youth and their parents through vision and excellence. This will be accomplished through coaching, administration and professional structure. We will provide an adult-supervised football and cheerleading program which sets the benchmark for Youth

Football and Cheer in all of Southern California”. The City supports many youth sports organizations through the JUA Agreement.

## **FISCAL REVIEW**

Specific funding for this request was not included in the FY 2011-12 Budget. Thus, should the City Council approve the payment of one-half (\$8,704.71) of CMPW’s stadium user fees, funding would be allocated from the City’s General Fund Contingency Account.

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

No legal review required.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The City Council could choose to pay all or a portion of Costa Mesa Pop Warner fees for the use of NMUSD Jim Scott Stadium or the City Council could choose to not support the request from Costa Mesa Pop Warner.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that City Council consider the request by Costa Mesa Pop Warner to include the use of the Newport Mesa Unified School District Jim Scott Stadium as part of the Joint Use Agreement and provide direction to staff to begin discussion with the Newport Mesa Unified School District to add the Jim Scott Stadium to the Joint Use Agreement. The City Council has the option of paying a portion of Costa Mesa Pop Warner fees due for the use of the stadium.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments: [1. Letter from Costa Mesa Pop Warner](#)  
[2. Costa Mesa Pop Warner 2010-11 NMUSD Stadium Fees](#)