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Councilmember Lightner Calls for Implementation of General Development Plan for Torrey Pines City Park

San Diego – Councilmember Sherri Lightner issued a memorandum today asking city officials to connect the awarding of a half-million dollar consulting contract for the creation of a Torrey Pines City Park General Development Plan (GDP) to funding for the implementation of the GDP. The memo is available on her website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/cd1>.

On Tuesday, June 2, 2009, San Diego City Council will vote on whether to award a \$455,635 consulting contract for the development of a General Development Plan (GDP) for Torrey Pines City Park, in partial fulfillment of a 2007 lawsuit settlement agreement. In her memo, Lightner recommended that release of payment for the consulting contract be contingent upon first developing a strategy for identifying and setting aside funds for the implementation of the GDP for the park.

“In order to ensure taxpayers see a return on their investment in the GDP for the park, as well as to stem erosion which continues to result in irreparable loss to the coastal bluffs, I am requesting that the city develop a strategy to fund implementation of the GDP,” Lightner said.

A 1981 Master Plan for Torrey Pines City Park has never been implemented due to lack of identified funds. The 1981 plan also identified the risk of collapse of coastal bluffs at the park, a process which has accelerated in recent years due to runoff.

“Financial commitment to implementation of the GDP for Torrey Pines City Park makes sense,” Lightner said.

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Penasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.

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