City of Escondido Resolution 2009-46

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido has acquired and maintains approximately 3,050 acres of public open space known as Daley Ranch, Stanley Peak, and adjacent city-owned land, and

WHEREAS, the City has limited resources to expand the acreage or significantly improve amenities to Daley Ranch, and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Daley Ranch have committed to work within the restrictions, requirements and guidelines that have been adopted for Daley Ranch, and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Daley Ranch is organized as a 501 (c) 3 in the State of California to conserve, improve, protect and maintain certain facilities and open space at Daley Ranch, and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Daley Ranch have agreed to obtain all necessary permits and approvals prior to installing improvements or conducting activities at Daley Ranch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.

2. That the City Council of the City of Escondido recognizes and acknowledges the benefits to Daley Ranch that are provided by the Friends of Daley Ranch, and

3. The City of Escondido does hereby encourage the Friends of Daley Ranch to seek and acquire resources from any and all sources that will enable the City to maintain, enhance and expand Daley Ranch.
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jerry Van Leeuwen, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: Friends of Daley Ranch

RECOMMENDATION:
It is requested that Council adopt Resolution No. 2009-46.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:
No direct impact. Activities of the Friends of Daley Ranch expand services and facilities at Daley Ranch and may offset some city expense.

PREVIOUS ACTION:
On November 16, 2005, the City Council directed staff to make improvements to the Daley Ranch house and other buildings located on the Ranch. The Friends of Daley Ranch are seeking resources to assist in that effort and other activities that enhance the Ranch.

BACKGROUND:
The Friends of Daley Ranch is a not for profit organization seeking to expand, enhance and maintain Daley Ranch and adjacent properties through volunteer efforts and grants. It is important for them to demonstrate the support of the City of the Escondido when seeking grant funds. Resolution 2009-46 is crafted to meet that need. The Friends of Daley Ranch recognize the need for close cooperation as they move forward. They have pledged to work closely with City staff and others in the common goal of enhancing Daley Ranch.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Van Leeuwen
Director