

Addendum Agenda Item October 7, 2005

TO: CAC

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Consider Agricultural Lease Renewal on Boudreau Property

RECOMENDATION:

Consider one-year agricultural lease renewal on the Boudreau property to Leslie Farms.

SITUATION:

A. Background

The 75-acre Boudreau property located on El Camino Real is under lease to an agricultural producer (Leslie Farms, Inc) until the end of December. Since acquiring the property in June, 2004 the River Park has collected rent under the lease provisions in the amount of \$1,750 per month. The agricultural producer has indicated a desire to renew the lease another year. The Boudreau property will not be part of the Wetland Restoration Project until sufficient funding is identified and permits are acquired; a process that will take more than a year. The State grant funding contract used to purchase the property specifically allows the property to be used for agriculture.

B. Issue

There has been concern over the years that agricultural use of property that will be eventually converted to wetland habitat could have negative impacts related to use of agricultural chemicals. To examine that potential a Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment was conducted in April and May of 2004. Sixteen soil borings were conducted on the property to a depth of four feet and analyzed for organochlorine pesticides, organophosphorous compounds, chlorinated herbicides, volatile organic compounds and methyl-bromide. Results of the sampling and analysis determined that there was no evidence of adverse impact due to historical or current agricultural site use.