

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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NO. 06-116

DATE May 3, 2006

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM - DONATION OF EXHIBITS  
FROM FRIENDS OF CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM  
FOR THE MASTER PLAN EXPANSION

J. Combs	_____	H. Fujita	_____
S. Huntley	_____	B. Jensen	_____
J. Kolb	_____	F. Mok	_____
*K. Regan	<i>[Signature]</i>	M. Shull	_____

*[Signature: Robert H. Jensen (for)]*  
General Manager

Approved           

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept exhibits installed in the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium expansion, valued at \$1,090,521 from the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.
2. Thank the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium for securing funding, contracting with the professional design and fabrication firm Split Rock Studios, and allowing the aquarium's professional staff to manage the exhibit project.

SUMMARY:

On March 20, 2003, the Board approved a Special Project Agreement with the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (FCMA) for the donation of the design, fabrication, and installation of interpretive exhibits for the newly expanded Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (Board Report No. 03-86). Per the terms of the agreement, FCMA would transfer the title to all plans and exhibits immediately upon completion and acceptance.

While the majority of the exhibits were completed and opened to the public at the Grand Opening of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Master Plan Expansion on October 24, 2004, the exhibit design/fabrication contract between the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Split Rock Studios Museum Outfitters of Saint Paul, Minnesota, continued until February 2006. The delay was primarily due to the Exploration Center watershed exhibit, which was expanded in scope with funding from an additional donation to FCMA.

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The original exhibit design/fabrication contract of \$1,041,800 was increased to a total of \$1,090,521. The attached letter confirms the transfer of title.

The exhibits were installed in the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Exploration Center, Aquatic Nursery, and S. Mark Taper Foundation Courtyard.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the Department's budget. The assessment of maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

This report was prepared by: Susanne Lawrenz-Miller, Director of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Attachment

March 17, 2006

Mr. Jack Ferrell  
Chairman of the Board  
Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium  
3720 Stephen M. White Drive  
San Pedro, CA 90731



Cabrillo  
Marine  
Aquarium

**SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF SPLIT ROCK STUDIOS CONTRACT WITH AND  
TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THE TITLE TO PLANS AND  
EXHIBITS**

It is with pleasure that we announce the completion of the expansion exhibits by Split Rock Studios for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (see Attachment), meeting all terms of the March 19, 2003 Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium contract with Split Rock Studios Museum Outfitters. The total paid to Split Rock Studios was \$1,090,521.00. This includes the original contract (\$1,040,800) plus change orders, primarily for an enhanced scope of work for the Exploration Center watershed exhibit.

We thank the Friends Board of Directors for their approval on February 15, 2006 to transfer to the City the title to all plans and exhibits immediately upon completion and final acceptance of the exhibit contract with Split Rock Studios, in accordance with the terms of a Special Project Agreement with the City of Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved in March 2003. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has submitted a Board Report for City of Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approval to be considered within the next two months or no later than June 2006.

Your signature below will verify the donation of the exhibits by the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. We will be very pleased to have you present the donation to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners when they meet to consider the Board Report.

Sincerely,

Susanne Lawrenz-Miller, Ph.D.  
Director, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Verifying transfer of title to the City of Los Angeles of exhibits designed and fabricated by Split Rock Studios, completed February 2006:

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Jack Ferrell, Chairman of the Board,  
Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

*March 19, 2006*  
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Date

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