MEMO

Item 17

To: Board of Directors

From: Bradley L. Bingham, P.E. – Drainage Engineer

Date: February 24, 2011

Re: Las Ventanas Detention Dam Park – Briefing by David Flores, City of Albuquerque

Parks and Recreation Department

The City of Albuquerque is in the planning process to expand and master-plan the Ventana Ranch Park. As part of this effort, it has been determined that rezoning City property from the existing R-LT zoning to SU-1 for Community Park and Related Purposes would allow a better result in creating a quality master-plan that should include many of the desired elements necessary to provide the residents good recreational opportunities. As part of that request, the City is also submitting the siteplan to the EPC for approval This master-planned park includes a portion of AMAFCA-owned property behind the dam. This was accounted for during the development of Ventana Ranch and the design of the Las Ventanas Detention Dam. The COA has coordinated with Bernalillo County and the site plan shows elements that Bernalillo County will build.

You will recall that in September 2006, a license for a temporary parking lot to serve the visitors to the Little League fields was issued to Bernalillo County and a 4-year renewal was issued in September 2008. This action by the AMAFCA Board provided additional time for both parties to get the Site Plan through the City and County processes. Because the park improvements are located within the dam pool, AMAFCA cannot allow any construction within the dam pool without State Engineer approval of the plans and specifications.

Chris Green from Consensus Planning and David Flores from the City Parks and Recreation Department will present the draft Site Development Plan at the Board meeting and answer any questions from the Board.

Recommend: Board support the City's proposed Site Development Plan of the Ventana Ranch Community Park.

