

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 10/25/05
Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
Agenda Date: 11/15/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Wheeler
Director of Parks

STAFF CONTACT: Coleen Lund
Project Manager (568-2470)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$80,000 from South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund for Calle Barquero Open Space Recreation Improvements; Second Supervisorial District

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$80,000 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1400) for the installation of walkways, picnic tables, benches, and a drinking fountain at Calle Barquero Open Space in the Goleta area.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5 – A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Calle Barquero Open Space is an undeveloped open space area (approximately 5.3 acres in size), which is located in the unincorporated area of Goleta. New playground equipment has recently been installed, with the input of neighbors within the area of this open space. The new equipment was paid for with grant and deferred maintenance funding allocated through the County's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process.

Community meetings, sponsored by County Supervisor Susan Rose, have been held, at which requests from the public were made for additional improvements to the open space. Improvements requested included benches, picnic tables, a drinking fountain, swings for children, a lawn area, and landscaping. An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-approved walkway is also required for access to the new playground. Areas near the creek will be left open for future natural enhancement.

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The requested allocation of \$80,000 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund will provide funds to complete the first phase of the project, which includes the grading and installation of the ADA walkway into and around the new playground, two benches, three picnic tables, and a drinking fountain. Additional, second phase improvements, which will include the installation of a new swing set, will be funded by community fundraising. These improvements will assist in meeting recreational needs within this neighborhood area.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The funding requested for this project (\$80,000) is available in the South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1400). Use of this Trust Fund is restricted to development of park or recreational facilities within the South Coast West Quimby Demand Area. The current balance in the South Coast West Quimby Fee Fund is \$265,437. Approval of this funding request will reduce the Trust Fund balance to \$185,437.

There is no impact to facilities that will result in additional staffing or significant ongoing costs for the Parks Department.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Coleen Lund.

Concurrence:

Park Commission – October 27, 2005 meeting
Auditor-Controller