



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: April 14, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel C. Hernandez (568-2461)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Erik Axelson, South County Deputy Parks Director (681-5651)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$20,000 from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Agency Fund and \$20,000 from the South Coast East Development Fee Agency Fund, for a Total of \$40,000, Towards the Development of New Play Equipment at Manning Park Annex in Montecito; First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$20,000 from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1399) and \$20,000 from the South Coast East Development Fee Agency Fund (#1404), for a total of \$40,000, towards the development of new play equipment at Manning Park Annex in Montecito.

Summary Text:

Manning Park in Montecito is a very popular and heavily used park in the South County, with 194,000 annual visitors. The play structures at Manning Park Annex are a popular destination for families and caregivers with toddlers and small children. In addition, Manning Park Annex's location across the street from the Montecito Family YMCA also makes the play equipment attractive for members and children from the YMCA facility.

Given the age and deteriorating condition of the existing play structures, they are an ongoing maintenance issue and the safe-fall zone area is also a cumbersome arrangement. It is therefore proposed these aging play structures be replaced with more modern, safer play equipment.

The approximate total cost of this project is \$110,000. An allocation of \$70,000 from General Fund deferred maintenance capital funding is currently budgeted for this project. It is proposed that an

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additional \$40,000 (\$20,000 from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Fund and \$20,000 from the South Coast East Development Fee Fund) be allocated to provide the total funding needed to complete this project.

Background:

Manning Park is a popular, heavily used park in the South County area, with 194,000 visitors in FY 2007-08. The park contains a number of highly popular and well-used play structures, picnic facilities, and other amenities that are used by families and large groups on a daily basis, especially on weekends and during the summer months.

Despite their somewhat rundown and aging condition, the play structures adjacent to the volleyball court at Manning Park Annex are a popular destination for families and caregivers with toddlers and small children. In addition, Manning Park Annex is located across Santa Rosa Road from the Montecito Family YMCA; whose members and children's programs make extensive use of the park's many recreational opportunities (the YMCA and County Parks have a cooperative use agreement for this park).

Several existing spring-operated riding structures have higher than average maintenance failures and the safe-fall area is a somewhat cumbersome arrangement. The Parks Department therefore proposes to replace these aging structures with newer and safer play equipment (including several climbing "boulders") and an expanded safe-fall zone. Recently, Parks Department maintenance crews and Rangers renovated the beach volleyball court at this location. Renovating the playground – a visually prominent entry to Manning Park Annex's volleyball court, group picnic area, and playing fields – would complete a needed upgrade for this popular park.

Based on two initial bids from play equipment contractors, total cost of this playground renovation is estimated at \$110,000. An allocation of \$70,000 from General Fund deferred maintenance capital funding is currently budgeted for this project. It is therefore recommended that an additional \$40,000 (\$20,000 from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Fund and \$20,000 from the South Coast East Development Fee Fund) be allocated to provide the total funding needed to complete this project.

The Park Commission approved this funding request at its January 22, 2009 meeting.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

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| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees (South Coast East Quimby & Development Fee Funds) | \$ 40,000.00 | | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 40,000.00 |

Narrative:

The requested funding (\$40,000) is available from the South Coast East Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds (#1399 and #1404). Use of the South Coast East Quimby and Development Fee funds are restricted to park or recreational facilities within the South Coast East Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area. The current combined balance in the South Coast East Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds is \$141,937. Approval of this request will reduce the remaining balance in these Funds to \$101,937.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

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

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CC:

Mike Gibson, Parks Business Manager

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