



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 \$35,000 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Agency Fund
Towards the Removal of an Existing Art Structure at Tucker's Grove Park in the
Unincorporated Area of Goleta and Replacement with a New Play Structure;
Second 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 \$35,000 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1400) towards the removal of an existing art structure at Tucker's Grove Park in the unincorporated area of Goleta and replacement with a new play structure.

Summary Text:

Tucker's Grove Park is the fourth most heavily used park in the South County area, with over 350,000 annual visitors. Among the most popular features of the park is a nexus of group areas, lawn areas, and playgrounds that make this park a welcoming location for a wide variety of activities for families and other groups. One focal point in this area of the park is a set of 1980's-era public art structures designed to be attractive climbing structures. However, these structures have been a persistent maintenance problem and the safe-fall zone standards have been increased since they were installed.

In conjunction with the County Arts Commission, the Parks Department proposes to de-accession and remove these structures and replace them with modern climbing structures and safety surfacing that meets current playground safety standards. The approximate cost of this project is \$70,000. An allocation of \$35,000 from General Fund deferred maintenance capital funding is currently budgeted for this project. An additional \$35,000 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Fund (#1400) would provide sufficient funds to complete this project during FY 2008-09.

It is therefore recommended that \$35,000 be allocated from the South Coast West Quimby Fund for this project.

Background:

Tucker's Grove Park is one of the most popular, heavily used parks in the South County area, with over 350,000 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. Among the most popular features of the park is a nexus of group areas, lawn areas, and playgrounds that make this park a welcoming location for a wide variety of activities for children, families, and large group events. A focal point in this area of the park is a set of 1980's-era public art structures designed to be attractive play and climbing structures. However, over the years, these structures have been a constant maintenance issue for Parks staff and the safe-fall zone standards have become more stringent since they were installed.

In conjunction with the County Arts Commission, the Parks Department proposes to de-accession and remove these structures and replace them with modern climbing structures and safety surfacing that meets current playground safety standards. The approximate cost of this project is \$70,000. An allocation of \$35,000 from General Fund deferred maintenance capital funding is currently budgeted for this project. An additional \$35,000 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Fund (#1400) would provide sufficient funds to complete this project during FY 2008-09. It is therefore recommended that \$35,000 be allocated from the South Coast West Quimby Fund for 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:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees (South Coast West Quimby Fee Fund)	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 35,000.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00

Narrative:

The requested funding (\$35,000) is available from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1400). Use of the South Coast West Quimby Fee funds are restricted to park or recreational facilities within the South Coast West Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area. The current combined balance in the South Coast West Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds is \$652,079. Approval of this request, along with the \$18,000 request for the pedestrian bridges rehabilitation project in

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Anisq'Oyo' Park on this same Board agenda, will reduce the remaining balance in these Funds to \$599,079.

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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