



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: September 19, 2019 REPORT NO. 101
ATTENTION: San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Agenda of September 19, 2019
SUBJECT: Reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds to Balboa Park Bud
Kearns Aquatic Complex Improvements (\$17000)

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the following reallocations of Regional Park Improvement Funds, in the amount of \$750,000, to Balboa Park Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex Improvements:

1. \$300,000 from Cowles Mountain Comfort Station Accessibility Upgrades (AGF00005),
2. \$300,000 from West Mesa Water Infrastructure Upgrades (AGF00005), and
3. \$150,000 from Air and Space Museum Roof Replacement (ABT00001).

Director's Recommendation – Approve the recommended transfers of funds for Balboa Park Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex Improvements.

Fiscal Impact – This allocation of RPIF will allow for the completion of construction for Balboa Park Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex Improvements.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – Not applicable.

Environmental – The transfer of funds will not result in any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2).

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund (RPIF) is one of two capital improvement project funds to receive Mission Bay Park lease revenues from leaseholds in Mission Bay Park. The other fund is the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund. The two funds were established by voter approval of revisions to the City Charter, Article V, Section 55.2 and became effective July 1, 2009, with the start of Fiscal Year 2010.

Per the City Charter and Measure J, RPIF is derived from the first \$3.5 million available or 35%, whichever is greater, of the excess revenue received over a threshold amount of \$20 million in Mission Bay leasehold revenues. The first \$20 million of Mission Bay leasehold revenues goes into the City's General Fund and may be used for any municipal purpose.

DISCUSSION

Balboa Park Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex Improvements provides for the design and construction of various improvements of the Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex located in the Morley Field area of Balboa Park. Improvements may include mechanical systems, fencing, accessibility upgrades, pool decking, replacing an outdated steam boiler, platforms, columns, and pool coping. Currently, there is a construction deficit of \$750,000. These funds are needed now so construction can be completed prior to the Summer of 2020.

In the interest of continuing effective cash management of the RPIF, staff recommends that the Oversight Committee approve a series of reallocations of funding within Fiscal Year 2020 from a variety of existing projects.

Funding is recommended to come from the following five projects:

1. \$300,000 from Cowles Mountain Comfort Station Accessibility Upgrades (AGF00005),
2. \$300,000 from West Mesa Water Infrastructure Upgrades (AGF00005), and
3. \$150,000 from Air and Space Museum Roof Replacement (ABT00001).

Cowles Mountain Comfort Station Accessibility Upgrades provides for the design and construction of accessibility and major component upgrades to the structure. Due to its high use and limited capacity, this comfort station may be replaced, most likely with a prefabricated type building. The decrease in funding will not adversely affect the project proceeding to design.

The West Mesa Water Infrastructure Upgrade, originally purposed by the Public Utilities Department, would replace Parks and Recreation's irrigation system on the West Mesa in Balboa Park. The project is no longer required. The integrity of the water system on the West Mesa is intact and operating with no known deficiencies.

Air and Space Museum Roof Replacement provides for the replacement of the roof, repainting the exterior of the building, installation of new exterior lighting, and switchgear upgrade for the Air and Space Museum. The project is currently in pre-planning, and the decrease in funding will not adversely affect the project proceeding to design.

To continue effective cash management of the Regional Park Improvement Fund by allocating funds to projects nearing construction, staff recommends the transfers of:

1. \$300,000 from Cowles Mountain Comfort Station Accessibility Upgrades (AGF00005),
2. \$300,000 from West Mesa Water Infrastructure Upgrades (AGF00005), and
3. \$150,000 from Air and Space Museum Roof Replacement (ABT00001).

If approved by the Oversight Committee, staff will take these reallocation requests to City Council for Council Action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department is recommending the approval of the reallocation of funds as outlined above.

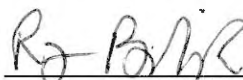
ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the recommended reallocations of Regional Park Improvement Funds to Balboa Park Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex Improvements.
2. Do not approve the recommended reallocations of Regional Park Improvement Funds to Balboa Park Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex Improvements.

Respectfully submitted,



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