



# REPORT

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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ATTENTION: San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee  
Agenda of October 17, 2019

SUBJECT: Reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds to Balboa Park  
Botanical Building and Museum of Man Seismic Retrofit

### SUMMARY

Issue – Currently, there is \$827,156 available in Regional Park Improvement Fund balance in AGF00005 Regional Park Improvements due to higher than anticipated revenues from Mission Bay leases. Should the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the following reallocations of Regional Park Improvement Funds:

1. \$627,156 to Balboa Park Botanical Building; and
2. \$200,000 to Museum of Man Seismic Retrofit.

Director's Recommendation – Approve the recommended transfers of funds for Balboa Park Botanical Building and Museum of Man Seismic Retrofit.

Fiscal Impact – This allocation of RPIF will allow for the completion of construction for Balboa Park Botanical Building and design of Museum of Man Seismic Retrofit.

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, the first \$20 million in Mission Bay leasehold revenues is allocated toward general government purposes. The next \$10 million in leasehold revenues is split between RPIF and Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund (MBPIF), with RPIF receiving the first \$3.5

million and MBPIF receiving the next \$6.5 million. For any leasehold revenues received in excess of \$30 million, the allocation is split at a ratio of 65% MBPIF and 35% RPIF.

Currently, there is \$827,156 available in RPIF fund balance in AGF00005 Regional Park Improvements due to higher than anticipated revenues from the Mission Bay Park leaseholds.

### DISCUSSION

Balboa Park Botanical Building provides for the design and construction of improvements to the Botanical Building in Balboa Park. Improvements may include: the recreation of the historic arcades on either side of the entrance, the illumination of both the interior and exterior by installing energy-efficient, thematic color lighting, the installation of a state-of-the-art irrigation system, and the repair and enhancement of the building structure and architectural elements (wood lath, cupola, plaster/concrete, and wood and steel beams). This project recently received an \$8.26 million State grant and requires further funding to initiate a design-build contract.

The Museum of Man Seismic Retrofit project provides for the seismic retrofit of the Museum of Man building within Balboa Park. The California Tower is currently under construction. Retrofitting the museum building would bring the complete Museum of Man structure into compliance with current building codes. An additional \$200,000 is needed to be able to commence design.

Staff recommends allocating \$627,156 to the Balboa Park Botanical Building project and \$200,000 to the Museum of Man Seismic Retrofit project. If approved by the Oversight Committee, staff will take these reallocation requests to City Council for approval.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department recommends approval of the reallocation of funds as outlined in this report.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the recommended reallocations of Regional Park Improvement Funds to Balboa Park Botanical Building and Museum of Man Seismic Retrofit.
2. Do not approve the recommended reallocations of Regional Park Improvement Funds to Balboa Park Botanical Building and Museum of Man Seismic Retrofit.

Respectfully submitted,



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