



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 March 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds to S15036 Balboa  
Park West Mesa Comfort Station

SUMMARY

Issue – During the construction of EB Scripps Park Comfort Station Replacement (S15035), a portable restroom is needed to provide service after the current comfort station has been demolished and until the new comfort station is open. A portable restroom cannot be funded by Regional Park Improvement Fund because it is a rental and not considered a capital expense and thus cannot be capitalized by the City. To remedy this issue, Regional Park Improvement Funds can be swapped with Capital Contributions from the General Fund. Should the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the following reallocation/swap of Regional Park Improvement Funds:

1. \$65,000 to Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Station.

Director's Recommendation – Approve the recommended transfers of funds for Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Station

Fiscal Impact – There is no change in overall funding for either project; this is only a swap of funding sources between the two projects.

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

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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.

#### DISCUSSION

Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Station provides for the design and construction of two replacement comfort stations on the West Mesa of Balboa Park, one north of the children's play area and one near the intersection of 6th Avenue and Nutmeg Street. The project also includes the demolition of the existing comfort stations at these locations and associated path of travel improvements. It is anticipated the new comfort stations will be pre-fabricated buildings.

EB Scripps Park Comfort Station Replacement provides for the design and construction of a replacement comfort station located in EB Scripps Park adjacent to La Jolla Cove. The project also includes the demolition of the existing comfort station and installation of associated path of travel improvements. During the construction of the comfort station, a portable restroom is needed to provide service after the current comfort station has been demolished and until the new comfort station is open. This is expected to be needed until the project is completed in June 2021. A portable restroom cannot be funded by Regional Park Improvement Fund it is a rental and not considered a capital expense and thus cannot be capitalized by the City. To remedy this issue, Regional Park Improvement Funds can be swapped with Capital Contributions from the General Fund.

Therefore, staff recommends the fund swap of Regional Park Improvement Funds and Capital Contributions from the General Fund between Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Station and EB Scripps Park Comfort Station Replacement. 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 reallocation/fund swap of Regional Park Improvement Funds between Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Station and EB Scripps Park Comfort Station Replacement.
2. Do not approve the recommended reallocation/fund swap of Regional Park Improvement Funds between Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Station and EB Scripps Park Comfort Station Replacement.

Respectfully submitted,



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