



# REPORT

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

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ATTENTION: Parks and Recreation Board Agenda of July 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Reallocation of funds for Quince Drive Run-Off Erosion Control Emergency Project

### SUMMARY

Issue – Should the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the recommendation to reallocate \$1,727,000.00 Regional Park Improvement Fund to the following project:

- Balboa Park – Quince Drive Run-Off Erosion Control, CIP# B23122

Department Recommendation – Approve the recommendation to allocate \$1,727,000.00 of Regional Park Improvement Fund to the project listed in this report.

Fiscal Impact – The reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Fund will allow for the project to continue to its next phase.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – Not applicable.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Impact – Not applicable.

Strategic/Tactical Equity Plan Impact – Not applicable.

Environmental – The proposed activity which involves the reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds is not subject to CEQA based on CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) as it is a government fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and therefore is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3). The Quince Drive Run-Off Erosion Control emergency project for which this reallocation of funding is intended for will be subject to environmental review in accordance with the City's Land Development Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15004, which provides direction to lead agencies on the appropriate timing for environmental review.

### BACKGROUND

The San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund (RPIF) is one of two capital improvement project funds to receive revenues from leaseholds in Mission Bay Park. The other fund is the

Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund (MBPIF) for specific improvements in Mission Bay Park.

The two funds were established by voter approval of revisions to the City Charter, Article V, Section 55.2 (Charter Section 55.2). The initial Charter 55.2 became effective on July 1, 2009 under Proposition C, and a subsequent amendment to Charter 55.2 became effective after voters approved Measure J on November 8, 2016, with those amendments going into effect on December 19, 2016.

Mission Bay lease revenues are allocated by a formula based on Charter Section 55.2 as follows:

- Initial \$20 million of Mission Bay lease revenues goes into the City's General Fund and may be used for any municipal purpose
- Next \$3.5 million goes to RPIF (total lease revenue is \$23.5 million)
- Next \$6.5 million goes to MBPIF (total lease revenue is \$30 million)
- Revenue received thereafter is split at a ratio of 35% to RPIF and 65% to MBPIF

The following parks are eligible for use of RPIF, in accordance with Charter Section 55.2(a)(g) and Ordinances O-20088, O-20311, and O-21372:

- Balboa Park (Charter)
- Beaches and Shoreline Parks (Charter)
- Chicano Park (O-20311)
- Chollas Creek Watershed Parks (O-21372)
- Chollas Lake Park (Charter)
- Mission Trails Regional Park (Charter)
- Open Space Parks (Charter)
- Otay Valley Regional Park (Charter)
- Presidio Park (Charter)
- San Diego River Park (Charter)
- Torrey Pines City Park (O-20088)

The purpose of the RPIF is to support capital improvement projects within the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for regional parks, as identified in the City Charter or by City Council Ordinance.

#### DISCUSSION

Department staff recommends \$1,727,000 of RPIF be allocated to allow the initiation of the new CIP project. This involves reducing allocations in six projects and increasing allocations in one project.

The reduced allocations come from the following projects:

- L18001 Chollas Lake Improvements- \$519,685.84 in project savings will be transferred from this project. This project is completed and does not need this funding.

- ABT00001 City Facilities Improvements- \$22,754.96 in project savings from B17181 Casa De Balboa Fire Alarm System will be transferred from this project. This project is completed and does not need this funding.
- B20120 Kellogg Comfort Station Improvements- \$60,000.00 in project savings will be transferred from this project. This project is completed and does not need this funding.
- S13008 Mohnike Adobe and Barn Restoration- \$915,284.32 will be borrowed from this project. It will not impact the project's status. Funds will be returned to the project via the Fiscal Year 2024 CIP Mid-Year Council Action. This project is currently in design and environmental review. It is not anticipated to reach construction until July 2024.
- AGF00005 Regional Park Improvements- \$39,843.52 from interest earnings on revenue collected.
- L14005 Sunset Cliffs Park Drainage Improvements- \$169,431.36 will be borrowed from this project. It will not impact the project's status. Funds will be returned to the project via the Fiscal Year 2024 CIP Mid-Year Council Action. This project is currently in design and environmental review. It is not anticipated to reach construction until December 2025.

Additionally, \$273,000.00 in Debt Funding will be added from B20117 Balboa Park Comfort Stations Improvements. These funds will be proposed to return to the project via the Fiscal Year 2024 CIP Mid-Year Council Action.

The increased allocations, which if approved would be added to the City's CIP through a separate council action, is recommended to be as follows:

- *Balboa Park – Quince Drive Run-Off Erosion Control, CIP# B23122*

*\$1,727,000 for Fiscal Year 2023*

**Scope:** During the winter storms of 2022-2023, storm water washed away sections of the slope adjacent to the Quince Drive offramp from State Route 163 just below the Trees for Life Garden and Cypress Grove Picnic Area in Balboa Park. City staff deemed the road unsafe for traffic and subsequently closed it in coordination with Caltrans; this offramp remains closed currently. An emergency was declared (see Attachment "Quince Drive Emergency Memo") as this offramp is part of a primary route to the hospitals located in Hillcrest. As such, addressing slope runoff, rebuilding the damaged areas of the slope and trail network, and reopening the road once the slope is stabilized is a priority.

The project provides for the acquisition of civil/geotechnical engineering consultant services to evaluate/provide recommendations, and a construction contract to address stabilizing the slope and fixing drainage issues. Any repairs to the road will be completed using Commercial Paper of General Fund to adhere to Charter Section 55.2 (d), which states: "Funds in the San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Fund may be expended only for non-commercial public Capital Improvements for the San Diego Regional Parks and only for park uses. Funds in the San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Fund may not be expended for commercial enterprises or improvements of leasehold interests; for any costs associated with utilities, including,

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but not limited to, water and sewage; or for roads, vehicle bridges, or vehicular ramps; or on daily, weekly, monthly, or annual upkeep of the San Diego Regional Parks.”

**Financial:** This is a new project and the initial allocation of RPIF. The Department has allocated \$800,000 in Commercial Paper and General Fund to initiate this project.

**Status:** This project is currently being initiated. The recommended funding allocation of RPIF will go towards construction of the improvements.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the recommendation to allocate \$1,727,000 of funding to Quince Drive Run-Off Erosion Control.
2. Do not approve the recommendation to allocate \$1,727,000 of funding to Quince Drive Run-Off Erosion Control.
3. Recommend alternative allocations to specific eligible capital projects.

Respectfully submitted,

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