



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 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds to Various Projects

SUMMARY

Issue – Currently, there are seven Regional Park Improvement Fund projects that are in need of funds for the design or construction process. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Regional Park Improvement fund only receive \$1.7 million in revenue for Fiscal Year 2022. Should the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the reallocation of funds as outlined in this report?

Director's Recommendation – Approve the recommended transfer of funds.

Fiscal Impact – This allocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds will allow for each project to continue in their current phase. Projects lending funds will either see no impact to their current stage or be put on hold.

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.

The City believes in effective cash management when it comes to its Capital Improvements Program (CIP). One cash management practice the Parks and Recreation Department employs

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to ensure timely completion of projects requires the periodic requests to reallocate funds from projects not yet ready for construction to priority projects that are closer to their next phase. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, anticipated Mission Bay Lease Revenue did not meet normally anticipated levels. RPIF only received \$1.7 million to fund projects in Fiscal Year 2022. Because of these COVID-19 related funding issues, staff recommends suspending design efforts for the following projects until new revenues arrive in Fiscal Year 2023:

- S15034 Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements
- L16001 Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Hillside Improvement Preservation

DISCUSSION

Below is a breakdown of the changes that are being proposed:

Project	Funding Change	Impact
Donor		
S18002 Torrey Pines South Golf Course Improvements Renovation	\$150,000.00	Project is complete and no longer needs funds.
S20005 Balboa Park Botanical Building Improvements	\$47,000.00	Project is fully funded and can loan funds.
B22012 Old Salt Pool Access Stairs	\$330,000.00	Project is fully funded and can loan funds.
L18001 Chollas Lake Improvements	\$229,966.30	Project is fully funded and can loan funds.
AGF00005 Regional Park Improvements	\$4,460.36	None. These funds are not assigned to a project.
AGF00006 Coastal Erosion and Access	\$9,108.61	None. These funds are not assigned to a project.
Regional Park Improvement Fund Balance	\$1,700,000.00	None. These funds are not assigned to a project.
Receiver		
B20116 Air & Space Museum Roof Replacement	\$500,000.00	Funds are needed for design.
B20119 Balboa Park Club Renovations	\$560,000.00	Funds are needed for design.
B20055 Cowles Mountain Comfort Station Accessibility Upgrades	\$181,642.00	Funds are needed for design.
S13008 Mohnike Adobe and Barn Restoration	\$335,000.00	Funds are needed for design.
B18027 Santa Cruz Avenue Access Stairs and Walkway	\$462,000.00	Funds are needed for design.
L14005 Sunset Cliffs Park Drainage Improvements	\$231,893.27	Funds are needed for design.
S15035 Ellen Browning Scripps Park Comfort Station Replacement	\$200,000.00	Funds are needed for construction

Staff recommends approving the transfer of funds as outlined in this report. 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 of Regional Park Improvement Funds.
2. Do not approve the recommended reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds.

Respectfully submitted,



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