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City Council Staff Report

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Transfer of Park In-Lieu Reserves for Playground Improvements

ABSTRACT:

Recreation and Senior Services staff request approval of a budget amendment to transfer \$200,000 in Park In-Lieu reserves to the Playground Refurbishment CIP Project (18P01) for the purchase and installation of playground improvements to include shade structures, play elements and surfacing.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Find this project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines because this project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment; and
- b) Approve Budget Amendment No. 18BA-011 to transfer \$200,000 in Park In-Lieu reserves from Fund 513 to the Playground Refurbishment CIP project (56201-980000-18P01) in Fund 562 for purchase and installation of playground shade structures, play elements and surfacing improvements.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is sufficient funding available in Park In-Lieu reserves to facilitate the purchase and installation of shade structures, play elements and accessibility surfacing improvements for five playgrounds. The requested budget amendment would transfer \$200,000 from these reserves in Fund 513 over to the Parks & Community Centers Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 562); the proposed costs will be expensed to the Playground Refurbishment CIP Project (56201-980000-18P01) within Fund 562.

DISCUSSION:

Five City playgrounds were identified as having the greatest need for shade based on community feedback, volume of use and in geographically dispersed locations in the City. They include Buffalo Hills, Mariners, 38th Street, Irvine Terrace and Coastal Peak Parks. The proposed accessibility improvements consist of new surfacing to provide greater access to existing elevated playground components and additional ground level components within the rubberized surfacing on the playground. Buffalo Hills and 38th Street Park will receive replacement play equipment.

Park In-Lieu reserves are requested to fund these improvements. In accordance with Council Policy B-1 Park Fee Policy, Park In-Lieu reserves can be used to rehabilitate existing community, neighborhood and view parks.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment. Section 15301 exempts the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. The shade structures and disability-related improvements do not expand the existing playgrounds.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Cost Estimates for Playground Improvements

Attachment B – Budget Amendment No. 18BA-011