



# Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
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## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

7-P November 5, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO  
THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD  
AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
FOR VARIOUS PARKS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROJECTS  
(FIFTH DISTRICT)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$260,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 to the Department of Parks and Recreation, for improvements to three existing County parks.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the projects.
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$260,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, for grants to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the projects as follows:
  - a. \$100,000 to fund the Val Verde Community Regional Park Pool Renovation Project;
  - b. \$60,000 to fund the Apollo Park Fitness Zone Project;
  - c. \$40,000 to fund the Stephen Sorensen Children's Play Area Shade Structure Project; and
  - d. \$60,000 to fund the Stephen Sorensen Park Fitness Zone Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the Department of Parks and Recreation when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$260,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the following projects:

**Val Verde Community Regional Park Pool Renovation Project – \$100,000**

The proposed Val Verde Community Regional Park Pool Renovation Project is for general pool improvements at Val Verde Park, including removal of the obsolete existing Tot Pool and upgrades to the existing recreation pool. The total project cost is estimated at \$400,000. To supplement the recommended \$100,000 of County Excess Funds, the Department has submitted a grant proposal for \$300,000 of Competitive Excess Funds.

**Apollo Park Fitness Zone Project – \$60,000**

The proposed Apollo Park Fitness Zone Project is for the development of a fitness zone at Apollo Park, including site preparation as well as purchase and installation of outdoor fitness equipment and shade covering. The total project cost is estimated at \$240,000. To supplement the recommended \$60,000 of County Excess Funds, the Department has submitted a grant proposal for \$180,000 of Competitive Excess Funds.

**Stephen Sorensen Children’s Play Area Shade Structure Project – \$40,000**

The proposed Stephen Sorensen Children’s Play Area Shade Structure Project is for improvements to the existing Children’s Play Area at Sorensen Park including purchase and installation of a shade structure. The total project cost is estimated at \$160,000. To supplement the recommended \$40,000 of County Excess Funds, the Department has submitted a grant proposal for \$120,000 of Competitive Excess Funds.

**Stephen Sorensen Park Fitness Zone Project - \$60,000**

The proposed Stephen Sorensen Park Fitness Zone Project is for the development of a fitness zone at Sorensen Park, including site preparation as well as purchase and installation of outdoor fitness equipment and shade covering. The total project cost is estimated at \$240,000. To supplement the recommended \$60,000 of County Excess Funds, the Department has submitted a grant proposal for \$180,000 of Competitive Excess Funds.

The Department has submitted grant proposals for the above-listed Competitive Excess Funds. Grant award recommendations for the Competitive Excess Funds Program will be brought to your Board on a future agenda. The Competitive Excess Funds must be secured as a condition of the Department receiving the recommended County Excess Funds.

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award grants to the Department for various projects, and when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements

of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable, and to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational activities in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in the amount of \$260,000, is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District's portion of the Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Fund grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants to the Department for various projects when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide for governing the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will also appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County is the lead agency for the proposed projects.

The proposed Val Verde Pool Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15301(d)(l)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(c)(h)(4) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves the removal of accessory structures and rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety. The proposed Apollo Park Fitness Zone Development Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of site preparation as well as purchase and installation of outdoor fitness

equipment and shade covering is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3 (b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves the construction of new accessory structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed Sorensen Park Children's Play Area Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of purchase and installation of a shade structure, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves the construction of new accessory structures.

The proposed Sorensen Park Fitness Zone Development Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of site preparation as well as purchase and installation of outdoor fitness equipment and shade covering, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3 (b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves the construction of new accessory structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed projects above will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed projects are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed projects' records.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreements have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

11/5/2014

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors