East Side Regional Park & Groundwater Recharge Project Funding Update

Presentation to City of Visalia
City Council
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Project Summary

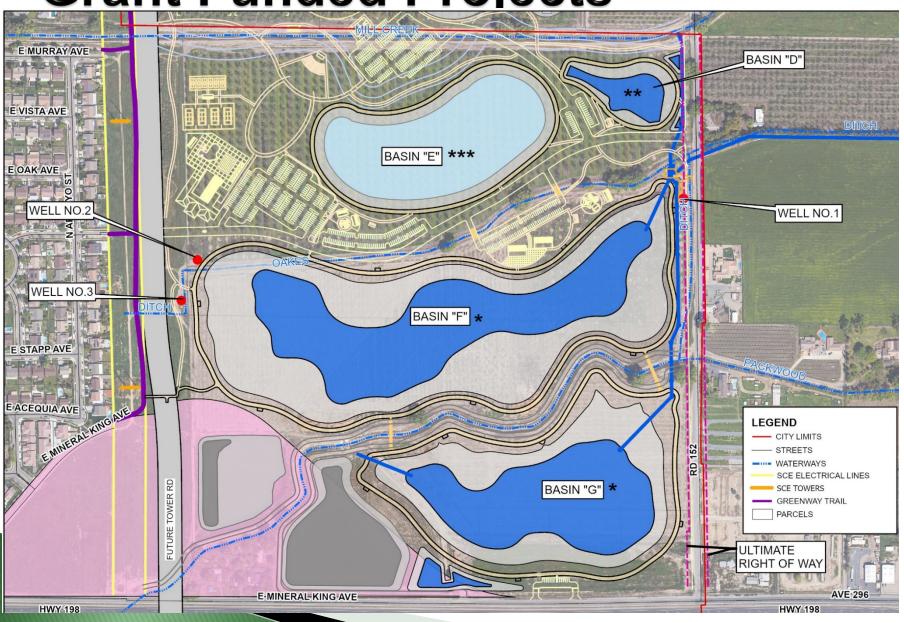


- Master planned 242 Acres Regional Park and Groundwater Recharge Project
- Location: East of McAuliff Street, at State Route 198 bounded by the future Tower Street, Houston Avenue, Mineral King Avenue, and Road 152.
- Purpose:
 - To provide ground water recharge east and upgradient of the City. (Groundwater flows from east to west)
 - 2. To create a new regional park to provide space for healthy lifestyles, outdoor recreation facilities, play areas, cultural activities, and historic preservation.

Today's Discussion

Funding Update: Basin 'G' & 'F'

Grant Funded Projects



Basin G: Funding Breakdown

Basin G - CP0185 Estimated Total Project Cost: \$5,992,728						
Grant Funding Source = \$1,568,708	City Funding Sources = \$4,424,020					
California Proposition 1Urban Rivers Grant	 132 Measure R Trails 211 Recreation Facilities 224 Groundwater Recharge 261 Waterways Capital 					
26% of Estimated Total Project Cost	74% of Estimated Total Project Cost					

Basin G: Funding Appropriation Request

Basin G CP0185	Funding %	Amount Needed		Current Budget		Additional Appropriation Needed	
Match Funding:	74%						
132 Measure R Trails	11%	\$	498,680.00	\$	131,480.00	\$	367,200.00
211 Rec Facilities Park Impact Fund	34%	\$	1,515,930.00	\$	254,510.00	\$	1,261,420.00
224 Groundwater Recharge Fund	53%	\$	2,366,770.00	\$	697,850.00	\$	1,668,920.00
261 Waterways Capital Fund	1%	\$	42,640.00	\$	21,910.00	\$	20,730.00
Total	100%	\$	4,424,020.00	\$	1,105,750.00	\$	3,318,270.00
Prop 1 Grant Funding	26%	\$	1,568,708.00	\$	1,568,708.00	\$	-
Total Project Cost	100%	\$	5,992,728.00				
Total Appropriation Requested						\$	3,318,270.00

Basin F: (Option 5) Funding Breakdown

Basin F - CP0371 Estimated Total Project Cost: \$7,919,040				
Grant Funding Source = \$1,878,680 (reduced from \$2.4M)	City Funding Sources = \$6,040,370			
 Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant Max Grant: \$2,448,588 	 111 Gas Tax 132 Measure R Trails 211 Recreation Facilities 224 Groundwater Recharge 261 Waterways Capital 			
Estimated Total Eligible Project Cost: \$3,757,346	City Match: \$1,878,671 (Eligible Costs)			
24% of Estimated Total Project Cost	\$4,161,694 (Non-Eligible Costs) 76% of Estimated Total Project Cost			

Basin F: LWCF Grant

- > Federal Funding administered by the National Park Service (NPS), requires NEPA review.
- ➤ In California, funds administered by the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS)
- ➤ City notified in 2019 of recommendation of \$2,448,588 grant award by the National Park Service.
- Estimated review time by NPS was 12-18 months.
- > Grant application included Basin G as part of the match.
- Design commenced in anticipation of funding.
- > Due to critical Basin G funding deadline, the two projects have now been separated (other than the recreation equipment).

Basin F: Funding Appropriation (Option 5)

Basin F CP0371 Option 5	Funding %	Amount Needed Current Budget		Additional Appropriation Needed (if LWCF Grant kept)		
Match Funding:	76%					
111 Gas Tax	0%	\$	172,660.00	\$ 36,641.00	\$	136,019.00
132 Measure R Trails	11%	\$	346,750.00	\$ 219,851.00	\$	126,899.00
211 Rec Facilities Park Impact Fund	34%	\$	2,378,320.00	\$ 1,768,803.00	\$	609,517.00
224 Groundwater Recharge Fund	53%	\$	3,076,040.00	\$ 1,612,236.00	\$	1,463,804.00
261 Waterways Capital Fund	1%	\$	66,600.00	\$ 36,641.00	\$	29,959.00
Total	100%	\$	6,040,370.00	\$ 3,674,172.00	\$	2,366,198.00
LWCF Grant Funding						
(reduced to 50% of amount eligible)	24%	\$	1,878,680.00	\$ 1,878,680.00	\$	-
Total Project Cost	100%		\$7,919,038			
Total Appropriation Requested					\$	2,366,198.00

Basin F: LWCF Grant

Staff Recommends Declining the grant offer for the following reasons:

- Project as scoped in the application has been altered. Basin G has been removed as the match.
- ➤ All groundwater recharge elements included in the original scope are not eligible for reimbursement or to be used as a match.
- This results in a decrease of the grant reimbursement.
- Groundwater Recharge elements are needed and not funded with grant.
- > Grant requires area be placed in a federal land deed restriction.

LWCF 2022 Deed Restriction Schematic Red Boundary = 68 AC



Sample Motion

I move to appropriate the funds as identified in the Staff Report for Basin G; authorize the City Manager to decline a grant of approximately \$2.4 million from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF); authorize staff to complete design of Basin F and release any remaining City match funds back to the funds; and to pursue appropriate grant funding for the construction of groundwater recharge Basin F.