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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 12 FUNDS

Dear Members of the Board

During Budget Hearings, your Board requested that the Parks Commission provide you with recommendations regarding the expenditure of funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Act of 2000 (Proposition 12). There is approximately \$1.3 million dollars available for: park development, rehabilitation of existing facilities, and acquisition of park properties.

Last year, the State of California adopted new laws regarding playground equipment standards and equipment audits. The new regulations apply to existing playgrounds and the installation of new ones. They mandate that existing public playgrounds have an initial audit by a Certified Playground Inspector to determine whether the playgrounds are in compliance with the new standards. The new standards include changes to the design of play structures, type of play elements, surfacing materials, and access.

The Parks Department contracted with The Beals Group to conduct the Playground Safety Audits required by the new regulations. (The report is on file with the Clerk of the Board.) The firm conducted the audits on the 20 play structures in the County Parks system. As expected, many non-compliant items were found and detailed in their report. It is important to note that play equipment was compliant when it was originally installed but that the new standards were imposed on old equipment.

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The California Playground Regulation requires that once the initial audits are completed, "Playground operators shall upgrade their playgrounds by replacement or improvement to the extent required by Section 15730 of the Health and Safety Code." Parks Department staff reviewed the audits and examined existing playgrounds to determine what actions should be taken with regard to potential hazards and how to bring the structures into reasonable compliance with the new standards.

The attached inventory (Exhibit 1) includes a summary of modifications identified in the playground audits for the playground structures. The majority of the modifications include installing barriers, reducing gaps between panels, and removal of non-compliant equipment. Several play structures were recommended for removal due to the large number of non-compliant issues. Retrofit or replacement costs have been estimated for each of the facilities.

It is estimated that the total cost to bring County Park playgrounds into reasonable compliance with the new playground standards will be approximately \$705,000.

The Parks Commission, at its December 11, 2001 meeting, recommended that the majority of the Proposition 12 funds be used for the repair and replacement of playgrounds. Thereafter, the remaining Proposition 12 funds be designated for: completion of the Scott Creek Beach project; rehabilitation work at Davenport Landing; landscaping at Greyhound Rock; habitat restoration at Moran Lake County Park, completion of the Jim Keeffe Skate Park; and the acquisition of the McGregor Property.

All five of the Supervisorial Districts have significant needs with regard to utilization of the Proposition 12 funds and it is suggested that the funds should be divided evenly between the five districts. Thus, each of the districts would have an allocation of approximately \$270,000.

The Parks Commission suggested that your Board consider utilizing the proposition 12 funds as follows:

District 1.

The playground audit report indicates modifications to all the play structures in District 1. The replacement of the Brommer play structures was included in this year's budget and will begin construction in the spring of 2002. The remaining play structure modifications and replacements should be funded utilizing the proposition 12 funds. It is recommended that \$245,000 be allocated for play structure modifications and replacements in District 1 and the remaining \$25,000 be allocated for habitat restoration work at Moran Lake Park.

District 2.

The play structures in District 2 need to be upgraded and/or replaced as recommended by the playground audit report. Staff recommended that \$70,000 be allocated to playground repair and upgrades for District 2 and that the remaining \$200,000 be allocated for purchase of the McGregor property. The Parks Commission recommended that \$250,000 be utilized for the

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purchase of the McGregor property and the remaining \$20,000 be used for various playground repairs and upgrades.

District 3.

District 3 does not have any play structures within its jurisdictional area.

The Parks Commission recommends that some of the Proposition 12 funds be used to supplement the Scott Creek Beach project which is currently underway. The project, which includes: habitat restoration; hazardous material remediation; a new bus stop; an observation platform; snowy plover habitat protection; and the installation of a fence along highway 1 to discourage four-wheel drive vehicles on the beach. Approximately \$180,000 of Proposition 12 funding is required to complete this project.

Davenport Landing received some major improvements several years ago. These improvements included: a new restroom; accessible paths; erosion control work; and fencing. Due to the harsh environmental conditions and high use of the area, repair work is needed. The Department is recommending that \$65,000 of the proposition 12 money be used for repairs, which include: fencing, erosion control, and pathway stabilization.

Greyhound Rock is currently in the final stages of a project, which included: installation of a new restroom; installation of benches and tables; and construction of an accessible beach overlook. An additional \$25,000 is needed to complete the associated landscaping work and the Commission recommends that Proposition 12 monies be used for this project.

District 4.

Mesa Village Park requires: a new play structure; shade structure; picnic tables; resurfacing of the basketball court; new fences; and remodel of the restroom structure. It is estimated that this project will cost \$270,000 and it is recommended that Proposition 12 funds be used for this project.

District 5.

All three play structures in the San Lorenzo Valley need repair, modification, or replacement in order to comply with the new playground standards. It is estimated that \$170,000 is needed to make the necessary improvements and it is recommended that proposition 12 funds be used for this purpose.

Additionally, the Jim Keeffe Skate Park is scheduled to begin construction in the spring. The estimated total cost (including design) is \$400,000. Currently, the County has allocated approximately \$275,000 for this project. The Boulder Creek Recreation District has committed \$25,000 towards the skate park and volunteers are currently attempting to raise additional funds.

To keep the project on track, it is being recommended that \$100,000 of proposition 12 funds be allocated towards the construction of the skate park located at Highlands Park.

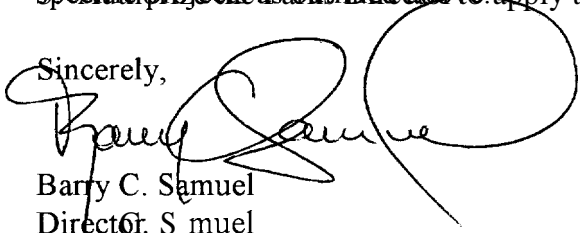
During budget hearings, your Board passed a resolution authorizing the Santa Cruz County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Department to apply for grant funds for the Per Capita Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. In order to apply for the Roberti-Z' Berg-Harris Urban Open Space and Recreation Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, your Board needs to pass a similar resolution. The County is eligible for \$410,946 from this portion of Proposition 12. The resolution (Exhibit 2) will authorize the Director of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services to be the agent for receipt of the grant. The County will still be required to submit individual applications for each eligible project within its jurisdiction.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board :

1. Divide Proposition 12 funds equally between all five districts.
2. Allocate \$705,000 of Proposition 12 funds for repair and/or replacement of play structures in the Supervisorial Districts (Exhibit 1).
3. Allocate funds specifically for: Jim Keefe Skate Park (\$100,000); Scott Creek Beach, Davenport Landing, and Greyhound Rock (\$270,000); the McGregor Property (\$250,000); and Moran Lake Park (\$25,000).
4. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the attached resolution (Exhibit 2)

~~Specific projects Parks Dept. above apply to the State of California for Proposition 12 funds for~~

Sincerely,



Barry C. Samuel
Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: CAO, General Services, Auditor, Parks Commission, County Counsel
Attachment: Exhibits 1 and 2

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EXHIBIT 1

PLAY AREA REPAIRS FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS

DIST.	PARK	ESTIMATED COST	PARKS COMM. RECOMMEND	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
1	Brommer Park 1451 30 th Ave, Live Oak	N/A	N/A	Remove and replace entire structure.
1	Coffee Lane End of Coffee Lane, Live Oak	\$15,000	\$15,000	Remove mats and add Fiber, new panels, new wall fence, new deck.
1	Floral Park 656 38 th Avenue, Live Oak	\$40,000	\$40,000	Remove and replace structure.
1	Jose Avenue 1435 Jose Avenue, Live Oak	\$5,000	\$5,000	Re-align spiral slide, add perimeter barrier, remove wave loop climber, rehang swings, new chains.
1	Richard Vessey Victory Ln & Maplethorpe, Soquel	\$10,000	\$10,000	Remove log roll, add panel, replace slide.
1	Santa Cruz Gardens Katherine Lane, Santa Cruz	\$75,000	\$75,000	Remove and replace entire structure.
1	Twin Lakes 520 7 th Ave, Live Oak	\$50,000	\$50,000	Remove and replace Kompam ship, add panels, add handhold, install guardrail, add vertical ladder.
1	Willowbrook Park 2950 Willowbrook Ln, Soquel	\$35,000	\$35,000	Remove fire pole, add panel, remove corkscrew, remove and replace Kompan house.
1	Winkle Farm 3201 Winkle Ave, Live Oak	\$15,000	\$15,000	Replace matting, add handholds, install new chain on bridge, add panels, remove firepole.
DISTRICT 1 SUB TOTAL		\$245,000	\$245,000	

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DIST.	PARK	ESTIMATED COST	PARKS COMM. RECOMMEND	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
2	Aldridge Lane 20 Aldridge Lane, Corralitos	\$10,000		New slide, six panels, new surfacing, remove drinking fountain, remove fire pole, repair tiles, add drainage
2	Aptos Park 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos	\$0		Remove.
2	Hidden Beach End of Cliff Drive Aptos	\$30,000		Replace 2 - 5 year old structure, add handholds, replace panels, remove fire pole, replace four decks, add hand holds (not ADA).
2	Pinto Lake 757 & 769 Green Valley Road, Watsonville	\$15,000		Remove fire pole, loop climber and water feature, add panels, hand holds, vertical ladder, replace swings and chains.
2	Scott Park 3101 Freedom Blvd, Freedom	\$25,000		Remove entire structure, install sand volleyball court, swing set and new picnic tables and grills.
2	Seascape Park Dolphin & Sumner Aptos	\$5,000		Remove log roll, add hand holds, paint curbing.
2	Willowbrook Park 2950 Willowbrook Lane, Soquel	\$35,000		Remove fire pole, add panel, remove corkscrew, remove and replace Kompan house.
DISTRICT 2 SUBTOTAL		\$120,000	\$20,000	
3	No Play Structures	0	\$0	NO play structure improvements
DISTRICT 3 SUBTOTAL		\$0	\$0	
4	Mesa Village 790 Green Valley Road, Watsonville	\$270,000	\$270,000	Remove and replace entire structure, resurface basketball court, new shade structure, new picnic tables and replace fencing.
DISTRICT 4 SUBTOTAL		\$270,000	\$270,000	

DIST.	PARK	ESTIMATED COST	PARKS COMM. RECOMMEND	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
5	Ben Lomond Park 9525 Mill Street, Ben Lomond	\$10,000	\$10,000	Remove and replace entire structure.
5	Felton Covered Bridge Graham Hill @ Mt. Hermon, Felton	\$80,000	\$80,000	Remove and replace structure, swings to remain.
5	Highlands 8500 Hwy 9, Ben Lomond	\$80,000	\$80,000	Remove and replace entire structure.
DISTRICT 5 SUBTOTAL		\$170,000	\$170,000	
GRAND TOTAL		\$805,000	\$705,000	

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EXHIBIT 2

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
OPEN SPACE AND CULTURAL SERVICES OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ROBERTI-ZBERG-HARRIS
PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER,
CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have
approved a grant for the above Program; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been
delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program, setting up
necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of
Parks and Recreation require the governing body to certify by resolution the approval of
the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services to
apply for the Roberti-ZBerg-Harris allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and
Cultural Services shall enter into a contract with the State of California for the subject
Project(s); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz
resolves and orders that the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and
Cultural Services shall apply for Grant Funds for the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Urban Open
Space and Recreation Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean
Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz:

1. Approves the filing for funds from the Roberto-ZBerg-Harris Urban Open Space
and Recreation Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water,
Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, and

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2. Certifies that the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s); and
 3. Certifies that the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
 4. Appoints the Director of Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____, 200____, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:



Marie Costa
Assistant County Counsel

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