



M E M O R A N D U M
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PARKS DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: January 12, 2021
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works
By: Ted Rel, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: Agreement / Budget Amendment / Approval and Appropriation of Park Dedication Fees / Auburn Recreation District / Field Renovation and Swing Project

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute agreements with the Auburn Area Recreation and Parks District to provide \$62,000 in Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #5 (Meadow Vista-Auburn Area) for improvements at Recreation Park in Auburn, including renovations to Recreation Field infield (\$15,000), renovations to the James Field outfield (\$22,000), and the installation of a wheelchair swing (\$25,000).

Approve a budget amendment appropriating \$62,000 from Recreation Area #5, Meadow Vista-Auburn Area to the Park Fees – Other Agency Project No. PJ00876.

BACKGROUND

Recreation Park, owned and managed by the Auburn Area Recreation and Parks District (“ARD”), is a 22-acre park, accessed off of Auburn/Folsom Road and Racetrack Street. Park hours are from dawn to dusk, 365 days per year. Recreation Park is a major park facility offering a wide range of recreational opportunities to a broad constituency, young and old, active and passive. The park amenities include:

- Community Center with gym, dance studio, preschool room, conference room and registration offices
- Marcia Skinner Memorial Sierra Pool, a 250,000-gallon facility
- Splash Pool
- Three baseball fields
- Bocce courts
- ½ mile Class 1 pathway loop
- Picnic units
- Two gazebos
- Two playgrounds

The three baseball fields are the main ballfields for Auburn’s active Little League and for Placer High School. A variety of other leagues and organizations also have and continue to use the fields.

Field Renovations: Renovations to the infield of Recreation Field will include skinning the infield to remove inconsistencies in grade and also resetting the infield to outfield arc. The infield will have the top 6 – 12” removed and re-graded. Changes to the irrigation layout will also take place with these renovations. ARD is requesting \$15,000 from the Park Fee Program and will contribute \$10,000 from their Capital Project Reserve funding to complete this portion of the field renovations.

Additional repairs are needed at the James Field outfield. This reconditioning will consist of replacing the hybrid rye/bluegrass mix that is currently in the outfield with preferred Bermuda grass. The Bermuda grass will be sprigged with stolons by the selected contractor. James field was originally slated to have Bermuda grass; however, some delays in the 2019 field renovation resulted in missing the window to plant and the resulting rye/bluegrass mix was used, but does not hold up well

in the hot summer temperatures. Placer County has completed similar renovations to sports fields at Loomis Park, Granite Bay Park, and Ronald L. Feist Parks in the Loomis/Granite Bay area and has received positive feedback on the hybrid Bermuda turf for its quality playability, rapid self-repair, and significant water savings.

ARD requests \$22,000 from the Park Fee Program and will contribute \$20,000 from the ARD Capital Project Reserve Fund to complete these field renovations.

Wheelchair Swing: While all playgrounds at ARD feature ADA accessibility, none have a feature that would allow a person in a wheelchair to enjoy swinging. This wheelchair swing is constructed with a platform to allow entry without leaving the wheelchair.

ARD is requesting funding to add a swing that is suitable for children in wheelchairs to use the playground swings like any other child. Installation of this feature requires additional work to be done as well, such as a concrete walkway, fencing and a self-closing gate for safety.

Funding for this project will be from multiple sources including cash donations, Park Mitigation fees from the City of Auburn, funding from ARD's Capital Project Reserve Fund, and this request of \$25,000 from Area #5 Park Fee Program funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ARD is the lead agency for the project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15367, and ARD has determined this project to be categorically exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), "Existing Facilities" and Section 15304 "Minor Alterations to Land". The County has reviewed and is relying upon ARD's Exemption determination in support of the requested Board action (i.e., approval of agreements and provision of funding).

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant to ARD for the Project totals \$62,000. A Budget Amendment from the Recreation Area #5, Meadow Vista – Auburn Area to the the Park Fees – Other Agency Project No. PJ00876. The Board of Supervisors approval of this request would leave a remaining balance of \$773,375 in the Recreation Area #5 trust account.

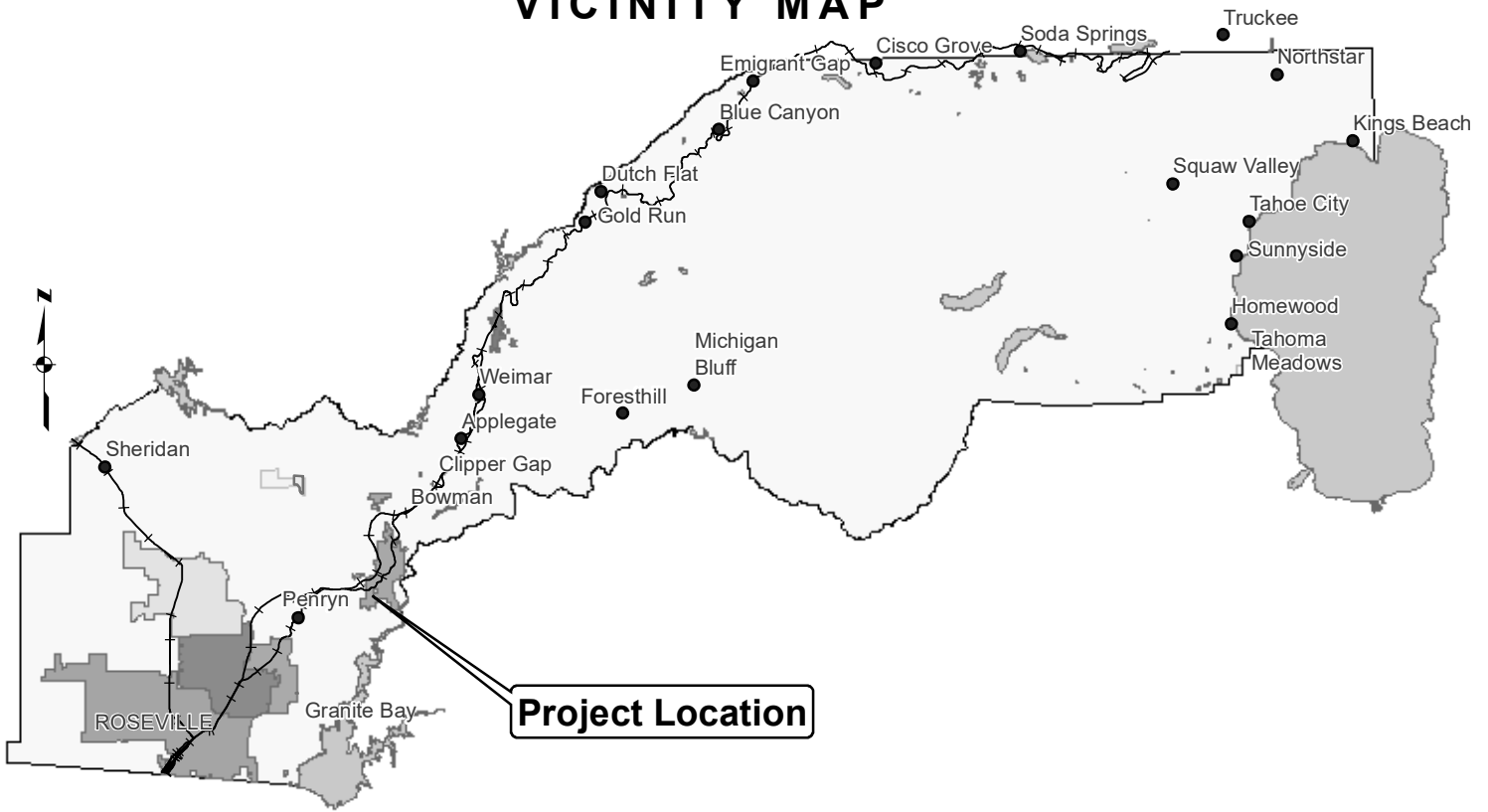
ATTACHMENTS

Location Map

On File with the Clerk of the Board: Agreements

AUBURN RECREATION DISTRICT: RECREATION PARK

VICINITY MAP



LOCATION MAP

