

# **REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

## ***City of Salinas, California***

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SUBJECT: **APPROPRIATE \$199,558 FROM THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN  
TO EL DORADO PARK**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution appropriating \$199,558 from the Park and Open Space Master Plan, CIP 9380, to the El Dorado Park, CIP 9670, for providing park improvements.

### **DISCUSSION**

The El Dorado Park is located along El Dorado Drive and Harden Parkway in north Salinas. Currently this park is in urgent need of maintenance improvements/upgrades that have been postponed due to the lack of funds, including: asphalt pavement walkway repairs/maintenance, play area equipment replacement, adding engineered fiber chips to play area, and other improvements and maintenance needs to enhance safety. Improvements that were completed in the past include: In 2003, the play equipment was replaced and in 2008, a new restroom was installed. The asphalt concrete walkway has been deteriorating over time, needing crack repairs; a large play area slide developed a crack/break in the slide and needs to be replaced; and the play area urgently needs additional engineered fiber wood chips to meet safety standards. These improvements will make El Dorado Park a safer park for the children in the community.

The Park and Open Space Master Plan CIP 9380 account has a balance of \$199,558 and has been fairly inactive for the past four years. Since FY 2009/10 and 10/11, this account has had very little activity: only \$63 and \$649 in expenditures, respectively. Staff recommends that Council approve a transfer of \$199,558 from CIP 9380 to CIP 9670 to perform improvement and maintenance needed at El Dorado Park. If approved, these funds will be used to replace one large slide, fill the play area with engineered fiber wood chips, and make as many asphalt concrete walkway repairs as possible with the funds available. The park water feature is also in need of repair and maintenance and that work will be done when funds become available at a later date.

## **ISSUE**

Shall the City Council adopt a resolution approving the transfer of \$199,558 from the Park and Open Space Master Plan, CIP 9380, to the El Dorado Park Improvements, CIP 9670, for providing needed improvements and maintenance?

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

If the fund transfer is approved, the El Dorado Park Improvements CIP 9670 will be funded with \$199,558 transferred from the Park and Open Space Master Plan, CIP 9380. The cost to complete the planned improvements and maintenance, including replacement of the slide, is estimated at \$5,000; the cost to install the engineered fiber wood chips is estimated at \$15,000; and the remaining \$179,558 will be spent on making the repairs/maintenance needed to the asphalt walkway within the park.

## **TIME CONSIDERATIONS**

Time is of the essence as the slide has been closed and is unusable by park users and improvements are needed to make the park safer for park users. If approved, staff will acquire the services of a qualified playground equipment contractor to replace the damaged slide. The engineered fiber wood chips will be added to the play area as soon as possible after approval. Staff will also begin the process of repairing/maintaining the asphalt walkway within the park.

## **ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS**

Council may choose not to approve appropriating \$199,558 from Park and Open Space Master Plan, CIP 9380 to the El Dorado Park, CIP 9670. This is not recommended because the El Dorado Park is in need of improvement and maintenance to make this park safer for the users of this park.

## **CITY COUNCIL GOALS**

The El Dorado Park maintenance improvements project addresses the current City Council Goal of Excellent Infrastructure; Safe, Livable Community; and Quality of Life.

## **CONCLUSIONS:**

At its meeting of May 6, 2014, the City Council is requested to adopt a resolution appropriating \$199,558 from Park and Open Space Master Plan, CIP 9380, to fund park improvements and maintenance needed at El Dorado Park.

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