



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: MARCH 6, 2018

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM: CARY ANN SIEGFRIED, DIRECTOR

TITLE: SUPPORT OF JUNE 2018 PARKS AND WATER BOND

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution indicating the City's support for SB 5, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 and any subsequent iteration titled otherwise by the Secretary of State that is scheduled to appear on the June 2018 statewide ballot.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution supporting SB 5, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal, and Outdoor Access Act of 2018 that is slated for the June 2018 statewide ballot.

BACKGROUND:

SB 5 (De Leon) places a \$4 billion bond on the June 2018 statewide ballot for parks, water, and climate and environmental programs. If the voters approve SB 5, local governments will receive funding for local park improvements and will be eligible for numerous grants to fund water, local parks, coastal and climate resiliency projects. The following is breakdown of the types of funding in the bond:

Parks Funding (Total \$1.283 billion):

- \$725 million for competitive grants for safe neighborhood parks
- \$200 million for per capita grants to cities, counties, and parks districts for local park improvement and rehabilitation
- \$15 million for competitive grants to urbanized counties
- \$30 million for competitive grants for state park facilities in regional parks districts
- \$40 million for per capita grants to local agencies that obtained voter approval for revenue measures between November 1, 2012 and November 30, 2016
- \$218 million for restoration of existing state park facilities, including \$5 million for urgent needs of local agencies that operate a unit of the state park system
- \$30 million for competitive grants for non-motorized infrastructure development
- \$25 million for competitive grants through the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris (RZH) Urban Open Space and Recreation Program

Water Funding (Total \$1.19 billion)

- \$250 million for competitive grants for clean drinking water programs
- \$550 million for flood protection and repair, including \$100 million for stormwater, mudslide and flash-flood-related protections and \$100 million for multi-benefit flood management projects and storm water capture in urbanized areas
- \$290 million for competitive grants and loans for drought and groundwater regional sustainability
- \$100 million for grants or loans for water recycling programs

Climate and Environmental Programs Funding (Total \$1.547 billion)

- \$443 million for competitive grants for climate adaptation and resiliency programs
- \$162 million for the California River Parkways Program for grants to enhance urban creeks
- \$567 million for state conservancies and the Wildlife Conservation Board
- \$200 million for Salton Sea restoration activities and habitat
- \$175 million for coastal and ocean protection resources, including \$30 million for grants for lower cost coastal accommodations

The City of Salinas will be eligible for per capita funding on an annual basis for parks development and maintenance, as well as qualifying for numerous competitive grant programs to fund water, local parks and coastal and climate resiliency projects.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

By approving the attached Resolution, the City will show support for Excellent Infrastructure, as well as for Quality of Life.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This action has no immediate or direct fiscal impact, though it is anticipated that this funding would help with achieving the goals of the City's Parks and Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan. This plan will be presented to City Council during the summer of 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution