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REPORT NO. 01-021

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Docket of February 12, 2001

SUBJECT: FY 2002 State Park Funding Process

SUMMARY

Issue - Should the City Council approve the proposed list of park projects for potential funding consideration by State legislators during the FY 2002 State Budget process?

Manager's Recommendation - Approve the list of projects.

Other Recommendations - None.

Fiscal Impact - Depending upon the number and/or type of projects funded, potential non-reimbursable staff increases are possible.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Park and Recreation Department provides a list of park projects for potential inclusion in the annual State budget and/or a park trailer bill. The process provides grant funds from various monies generally earmarked for park and recreation purposes. The project list is based on legislative district and will be submitted to the City's representative in February 2001. The representative meets with each respective legislative member and submits the projects for their consideration. Some districts may opt not to take any of our proposed projects forward, others may sponsor several. The following outlines what the City has received in previous years.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Projects/Funding</u>
1992	3 projects/\$492,500
1993	No projects selected
1994	Governor vetoed Bill
1995	Governor vetoed Bill
1996	Governor vetoed Bill
1997	2 projects/\$185,000
1998	6 projects/\$830,000
1999	10 projects/\$1,178,500
2000	9 projects/\$2,007,000
2001	18 projects/\$16,001,525

As in the past, staff will not know until late Spring 2001 if park funding will be proposed for the FY 2002 State budget.

DISCUSSION

In anticipation of the Intergovernmental Relations Department (IRD) requesting a project list, the Park and Recreation Department has reviewed current facility needs, giving consideration to known current community and staff concerns which meet the general project criteria. As directed, staff has incorporated amendments from the Council offices into the attached project listing.

Projects were generally identified based on the following criteria, which has historically been used by State legislators in determining which projects will be put into the State budget:

Ability to construct project quickly; ideally within 1-2 years from date of funding.

Availability of local matching funds; the State prefers not to be the sole funding source.

“Brick & Mortar” work preferred; funds are not often awarded for planning (design) projects.

Lack of other available funds; the State funds should not be used if other funding sources are available for the project.

Generally, to be competitive, project funding requests should not exceed \$300,000 per project.

Once Council has approved the list, the entire package will be sent to the City’s Sacramento representative for processing through the legislative offices. If projects are successful in securing funds, funds will be available to the City in November 2001.

ALTERNATIVE

Do not approve the attached list of projects for potential inclusion in the FY 2002 State budget process.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: 1. Summary of the FY 2002 State Park Funding Process Proposed Projects
2. FY 2002 State Park Funding Process Proposed Projects by Council District