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REPORT NO. 02-075

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Docket of April 9, 2002

SUBJECT: FY 2003 State Park Funding Process

REFERENCE: November 19, 2001, City Council Approval of City Manager
Report No. 01-231, Resolution #295741

SUMMARY

Issue - Should the City Council approve the proposed list of park projects for potential funding consideration by State Legislators during the FY 2003 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

On November 19, 2001, the City Council approved the Manager's recommendation to revise the process used to create the proposed list of San Diego park projects for potential funding by State Legislators during the FY 2003 State Budget process. The process allows each Council office to select three to five park projects within their Council District for consideration by the State Legislators.

The following table outlines funding the City has received through the annual State Budget process in previous years.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>No. of Projects Funded</u>	<u>Funding Total</u>
1992	3	\$ 492,500

1993	None sponsored	\$ 0
1994	Governor Vetoed Bill	\$ 0
1995	Governor Vetoed Bill	\$ 0
1996	Governor Vetoed Bill	\$ 0
1997	2	\$ 185,000
1998	6	\$ 830,000
1999	10	\$ 1,178,500
2000	9	\$ 2,007,000
2001	17	\$ 15,695,000 ¹
2002	5	\$ 1,495,000 ¹

DISCUSSION

Projects on the attached list were developed by the Park and Recreation Department's grants staff in coordination with Council Offices using the following criteria, which has historically been used by State Legislators to determine which projects will be funded through 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 the City Council has approved the list, project packages will be sent to the City's Sacramento representative who will meet with the appropriate Legislative Members. Project packages will include project descriptions, cost estimate, area demographics, letters of support, and photographs. As in the past, community groups will be informed via staff of the projects submitted and how to inform Legislators of their support.

It is important to note that due to the State's current budget shortfall it is anticipated there will be little, if any, discretionary budget money for Legislative Member's Requests in the FY 2003 budget. However, it is possible that Legislative Members will identify other sources of funding to allocate to San Diego park projects. The Park and Recreation Development Office and the Governmental Relations Department will work closely with the City's Sacramento representative to ensure all available funding is considered for the approved project list.

As in the past, staff will not know until late Spring 2002 if park funding will be proposed for the FY 2003 State budget. If projects are included in the State budget, funds should be available to the City in November 2002.

ALTERNATIVE

Do not approve the attached list of projects for potential inclusion in the FY 2003 State budget

process.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: [FY 2003 State Park Funding Process Proposed Projects by Council District](#)