COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

TO: Park Commission

FROM: Nick Franco, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to authorize budget adjustments to allocate Quimby Fee Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission recommend, to the Board of Supervisors, the following budget adjustments from Quimby Fee Fund Areas to the following projects:

Area 1 - $70,000 for the completion of the Creston Community Center;
Area 2 - $1,900 for coast rehabilitation projects;
Area 3 - $2,500 for central county rehabilitation projects;
Area 4 -$57,000 for construction of the Paul Teixeira gazebo in Nipomo Community Park; and
Area 5 – $1,200 for east county rehabilitation projects.

DISCUSSION

Quimby Funds can be used for the purpose of developing new or rehabilitating existing neighborhood and community park or recreation facilities. Quimby funds are collected from a developer at the time of subdivision and must be used for the purpose of improving open space and park lands within the neighborhood or the community where the subdivision took place. If these funds have not been designated for a park project within five-years of subdivision they must be returned to the developer or to the current owner(s). Therefore, staff has proposed to designate these funds for these projects. There is no deadline for the actual construction or completion of the projects. These amounts will be utilized to accomplish rehabilitation projects and new construction projects within the respective Quimby Fee Fund Areas.
Quimby Fees can be used for the rehabilitation of exiting recreation features. Based on the limited amount of Quimby Fee Funds near expiration in Area 2 ($1,900), Area 3 ($2,500), and Area 5 ($1,200) it is recommended that these Quimby Fee funds be

placed in the respective area accounts for park rehabilitation instead of returning the funds to developers or applying them to new construction projects.

Area 1- Creston Community Center

In 1994, several service clubs in Creston joined together to form the Creston Activities Town Center Helping-Hands (CATCH) Fund for the purpose of raising funds to develop a Community Center for the residents of Creston. In 2012, the CATCH Fund entered into a lease agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo for use of the former Creston Firehouse as a Community Center. The CATCH Fund has invested $107,788 in plans, grading, septic inspection, plumbing, demolition, footings, doors, siding, roof, electrical and window work. The remaining work, including the fire suppression system and access improvements, is estimated to cost approximately $95,500. The CATCH Fund plans to contribute $25,500 and is requesting $70,000 from the Area 1 Quimby Fee Fund, to complete the Community Center. The CATCH Fund has agreed to maintenance of the Creston Community Center once it is completed.

Area 4 - Paul Teixeira Gazebo in Nipomo Community Park

Over the past two years the Nipomo Rotary Club and other volunteers have been planning to construct a gazebo in Nipomo Community Park in honor of community activist, former County Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and deceased County Supervisor Paul Teixeira. This project is estimated to cost approximately $99,000. The Nipomo Rotary Club plans to contribute $42,000 toward the project and is requesting up to $57,000 from the Area 4 Quimby Fee Fund to purchase materials for the project. The purpose of the gazebo project is to provide a location for community events. The gazebo is consistent with the Nipomo Community Park Master Plan.

The Creston Community Center and the Nipomo Community Park gazebo projects are good examples of public-private joint ventures that are encouraged in the Park and Recreation Element because these joint ventures augment recreation service and reduce project costs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

This request has been coordinated with the County Administrative Office and the Auditor Controller's Office.

The Planning and Building Department have processed the General Plan Conformity Report for the gazebo and reviewed plans for both the Creston Community Center and the Nipomo Community Park Gazebo.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The use of Quimby Fee funds will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assist in the development of new recreation features in Creston and Nipomo and complete some rehabilitation projects within parks in Areas 2, 3, and 5.

The CATCH Fund has agreed to maintenance of the Creston Community Center once it is completed.

The Rotary Club of Nipomo has agreed to maintenance of the gazebo for the first five (5) years. Based on maintenance costs of similar gazebos in other communities within the County, long term maintenance costs are expected to be nominal and recovered by fees charged for reserving the gazebo for community events and increased park entrance fees for community events held at the gazebo.

RESULTS

These allocations of Quimby Fees Funds will maintain existing recreational opportunities in Areas 2, 3, and 5 and increase recreational opportunities in Areas 1 and 4. These actions support the County's goals of providing a healthy and livable community.