

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 03-114

DATE April 2, 2003

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PARK FEES/QUIMBY FEES EXPENDITURE: ALLOCATION TO WARNER RANCH PARK: CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

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Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the allocation of \$617,980.00 in 00-01 FY Quimby fees for Warner Ranch Park;
2. Approve the expenditure of \$225,000.00 in Quimby funds from the Warner Ranch Park sub-account, 946WI, for a children's play area; and,
3. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to encumber \$225,000.00 in Quimby funds from Fund 302, 946WI, under the awarding authority of this Board Report.

SUMMARY:

The Department has received a communication from Councilman Dennis P. Zine supporting the construction of a children's play area at Warner Ranch Park. Funds allocated to this facility will be used to build a new play pit with a six (6) foot sidewalk around it. The play pit will be installed with a surrounding four (4) foot iron fence and two (2) gates. The children's play area will be ADA accessible, and will include swings, slides, an animal crawl tunnel, park benches, and a drinking fountain by the play area. This project, which also includes landscaping and irrigation for the play area, will be completed by the Department's regional craft forces.

The Warner Ranch Park sub-account has \$3,277.29 in Quimby fees as of February 28, 2003, which is not sufficient to fund this project. Therefore, it is recommended that \$617,980.00 in Quimby fees, collected in 00-01FY, be allocated to the Warner Ranch Park sub-account for a total of \$621,257.29, and that \$225,000.00 be encumbered for the described children's play area. These fees were collected within a mile and a half from Warner Ranch Park, which is the standard distance for allocation of Quimby fees. The remaining funds will be used for future outdoor park improvements, including irrigation, landscaping, picnic area, fencing and related improvements which are under discussion with the Council Office.

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Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of construction and location of limited numbers of new accessory structures including fences, walkways, play areas and equipment, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3 (6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Staff recommends approval of the allocation and expenditure for this project. The Council District and Valley Region Staff concur with the recommendations as set forth by the Department.

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