



PROGRAM REPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: November 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Board of Directors

FROM: Paul McCreary, General Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Hayward Community Garden Phase I Improvements
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Board will receive a presentation of the Hayward Community Garden proposed Phase 1 improvements including the Base Improvements, as well as Add Alternate Improvements, and estimated construction costs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Three-Year Capital Improvement Plan includes the Hayward Community Garden project (CIP No. 2-034C&D). The project budget includes \$27,155 in Measure WW funds for development of the Community Garden Master Plan and Measure F1 Bond funds are available for construction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive a presentation of the proposed Hayward Community Garden Phase 1 Base Improvements and Add Alternate Improvements. Staff requests that the Board of Directors provide direction on the scope of the Phase 1 Improvements including Base Improvements, addition of any or all Additive Alternates, and total project budget for Phase 1 improvements.

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The Hayward Community Garden project (CIP No. 2-034C&D) is included in the current Three-Year Capital Improvement Program. The project provides for the development of a master plan and installation of Phase 1 improvements for the community garden site located at Whitman Street and Berry Avenue.

The Hayward Community Garden Master Plan was presented to and approved by the Board of Directors on October 27, 2017. The approved master plan for the entire garden includes approximately 200 garden plots measuring 20'x20', some raised beds, a structure to accommodate outdoor classes and a produce counter/seed library, storage shed and compost/mulch areas, "kiwi tunnel" feature, nature play areas, picnic area, central 14' wide multi-use path, and perimeter walking path, and fences and gates.

On October 27, the Board also reviewed two options for the scope and location of Phase 1 improvements. The Phase 1 area will be located along Whitman Street and include a number of garden plots and raised beds, storage shed, compost station, paths, fencing and gates, and irrigation. Additional Phase 1 improvements include a small orchard, greenhouse, chicken coop, kiwi tunnel, natural play, art features, demonstration area, outdoor classroom with shade and produce counter/seed library, picnic and BBQ area. Several options for paving materials were discussed, including mulch, decomposed granite and stabilized gravel. The paving material used for each area will be based on the cost and provision for ADA accessibility as needed. The Board directed Staff to refine the Phase 1 concept plan so that the base bid project cost of \$500,000 with Additive Alternates for the additional improvements shown on the plans.

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The proposed Phase 1 Base Improvements incorporates feedback from the Board and community members. The Base Improvements include 30 garden plots and 4 raised beds, a decorative perimeter fence and gates along Whitman Street as well as temporary fencing between Phase 1 and the future phases of the Community Garden, a storage shed, composting station, an orchard, and decomposed granite and gravel pathways and paving. Additive Alternate improvements include 40 additional plots; a chicken coop; a greenhouse; seed propagation area; additional pathways; bollards; an outdoor education area including a shade structure, produce counter, seed library, demonstration area, and seating; a “nature play” area; kiwi tunnel; mural/artwork; and picnic area with barbeque grills.

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NOTICING REQUIREMENTS/PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Hayward Community Garden

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Hayward Community Garden Phase 1 Cost Estimate Exhibit (Plan)
2. Hayward Community Garden Preliminary Phase 1 Cost Estimate