



Meeting Date: July 23, 2018

Agenda Item: 4.4

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Acceptance of Grants from Alameda County Waste Management Authority

Executive Summary:

The Board of Directors will consider acceptance of the StopWaste Landscape Improvement grants from the Alameda County Waste Management Authority to create Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes for the Kennedy Park Renovation and Mia's Dream Come True All Access Playground projects.

Financial Impact:

The grant total is \$10,000 with \$5,000 allocated to each project. When complete, these projects will decrease the ongoing landscape maintenance cost to the District when compared to a project that is not Bay-Friendly.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board by motion accept the StopWaste Landscape Improvement grants from the Alameda County Waste Management Authority to create Bay-Friendly rated landscapes for the Kennedy Park Renovation and Mia's Dream Come True All Access Playground projects.

Description of Item:

Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes is a voluntary, rating system which recognizes excellence in sustainable landscape design, construction and maintenance practices that reduce waste and pollution, conserve water, protect water quality, and contribute to a healthier community. The Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape program is administered by ReScape California, a nonprofit organization.

StopWaste, a public agency responsible for reducing waste in Alameda County and governed by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, offers \$5,000 grants for the creation of Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes. Projects must consist of new construction or major renovation of an irrigated landscape of at least 2,500 square feet and commit to earning the Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape certification from ReScape California.

Kennedy Park Renovation will include almost six-acres of irrigated landscape, while Mia's Dream will include 25,000 square feet of irrigated landscape. Both projects shall be designed, implemented and maintained according to Bay-Friendly practices for designation as a Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape. Each project is eligible for the StopWaste \$5,000 "Landscape Improvement" grant.

Staff applied for a Landscape Improvement grant from StopWaste for each of the two park renovation projects. Consequently, these grants were awarded and would offset the costs associated with implementing Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes. The District would also receive technical assistance from StopWaste including reviewing opportunities for additional rebates from local water agencies, identifying Bay-Friendly resources (materials, sources, specifications, plant lists, etc.) to help meet the grant requirements, and developing educational signs to be posted in the parks. With waste reduction as a goal of Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes, this will reduce the District's ongoing operational cost.

Furthermore as Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes located in Hayward, both park renovation projects would also comply with the City of Hayward's Bay-Friendly Water-Efficient Landscape Ordinance, which establishes a structure for planning, designing, installing, maintaining and managing water efficient landscapes in new construction and rehabilitated projects.

Each park project will be certified as a Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape by ReScape California. To meet this goal,

the projects must involve a Bay-Friendly Rater, register the project with ReScape California, complete all the rating requirements, and receive recognition from ReScape California as a Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape.

Greenwood Park and San Lorenzo Community Park were recently certified as Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes. The acceptance of these StopWaste Landscape Improvement grants is an excellent opportunity to receive Bay-Friendly landscaping guidance and public recognition for the District's continued leadership in sustainable design, implementation and maintenance from ReScape California.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Grant Agreement	7/9/2018	Exhibit