



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board order the Auditor-Controller to disburse \$ ~~79,288.64~~ \$70,428.85 to the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDHCSD) from its park and recreation development impact mitigation fee account for fee program administration and expenditures related to Valley View Village Park, ~~Heritage Village~~, Park Saratoga, Village Park, Bass Lake Regional Park and Utility Corridor Trail. (Continued from 1/23/2024)

FUNDING: Development Impact Fees.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The California Mitigation Fee Act (Cal. Gov. §66000 et seq.) provides for the establishment of fees to mitigate the impacts of new development on public facilities in order to maintain the established level of service. Individual Special Districts do not have the authority to establish these fees; as a result, the County establishes fees on behalf of the districts. In accordance with the Mitigation Fee Act, these revenues are segregated and deposited into a separate account for each district.

Parks and recreation development impact mitigation fees were first collected on the District's behalf in 1998. The current fees are based on a 2017 Fee Nexus Study and Report ("Report") detailing the legal and policy basis justifying the development impact mitigation fee within the District (Resolution 135-2018, Legistar File 18-1034).

In addition to the purchases of facilities and equipment necessary to mitigate the effects of new development on the districts' ability to provide services, the Mitigation Fee Act provides for use of the fee revenue to fund administration of the fee program. The EDHCSD charges 2% of revenue collected to fund its fee program administration, and tracks staff time spent on park projects. The District's current request includes \$10,444.44 for administration costs, \$2,419.71 for Valley View Village Park, ~~\$8,859.79~~ ~~Heritage Village Park~~, \$26,991.84 for Saratoga Village Park, \$28,762.97 for Bass Lake Regional Park, and \$1,809.89 for the Utility Corridor Trail. This request covers expenses incurred during the period of July-September 2023. The District's revised request is attached.

The County has entered into an agreement with EDHCSD, whereby the district agrees to "hold County harmless and defend County and its employees, officers, and agents from any claim, liability, or action" resulting from the County's calculation, imposition, and collection of impact fees on the District's behalf.

The Chief Administrative Office recommends the disbursement of funds for the above-described uses because they are consistent with the purpose for which the fee was collected, the District and County are currently in compliance with the Mitigation Fee Act, and the indemnity agreement between EDHCSD and the County sufficiently protect the County from potential liability related to the disbursement.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the County. Impact mitigation fees are collected by the County on behalf of the district and held in a separate account. The account balance as of December 22, 2023, is \$21,053,515.81.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

N/A

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