



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Doug Story, Community Services Director
DATE: August 16, 2022
SUBJECT: **Approve Purchase Order for Coast Recreation, Inc. for the Purchase of a New Playground at Three Rings Ranch Park in an Amount Not to Exceed \$140,974.38**

Background and Analysis:

The State of California Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018, commonly referred to as Proposition 68 (Prop 68), was approved by voters on June 5, 2018. Prop 68 allocates funds to local governments on a per capita basis for local park rehabilitation, creation, and improvements. Recipients are encouraged to utilize awards to rehabilitate existing infrastructure and to address deficiencies in neighborhoods lacking access to the outdoors (PRC §80061(b)).

The City of Beaumont's allocation is \$197,952 and must be programmed for capital outlay for recreational purposes, either acquisition or development. Funding can only be used to supplement and not replace existing funding (PRC §80062(d)). On January 21, 2021, City Council approved a resolution to submit an application for the grant funding and in the Fall of 2021, staff was notified that the fund had been successfully awarded to the City of Beaumont.

As part of the grant, community participation is required in the process of design. Staff chose to wait until an appropriate time to conduct a park design community outreach at Three Rings Park. On April 27, 2022, staff hosted a "Pop Up in The Park" event immediately after school and surveyed hundreds of students and parents about amenities and design elements for the park. Participants were able to select colors, play elements, and design preferences that they look forward to having in the new playground and park.

The design chosen by community members was a Landscape Structures 5-12 year old playground with swings, climbers and a 2-5 year old fun dome for the community to enjoy. Landscape Structures is a playground manufacturer and the exclusive distributor

within Southern California is Coast Recreation, Inc. This exclusive distribution agreement between the manufacture and the distributor allows the primary vendor to be the sole provider of the Landscape Structures designed playground. The municipal code states in §3.01.070-D that if “the product or service is proprietary in nature and can be obtained only from a limited number of contractors, and that no equivalent products or services are available, the notice inviting bids may be sent exclusively to such contractor.”

The remaining funds for the grant will be available to pay for installation costs and purchase additional park amenities, such as benches, tables, trash can enclosures, and drinking fountains.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of the playground is paid for by the Prop.68 Grant for a total of \$140,974.38.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Purchase Order for Coast Recreation Inc. in the amount of \$140,074.38.

Attachments:

- A. Concept Design of Playground
- B. Quote for Landscape Structures Playground