



# STAFF REPORT

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April 17, 2024

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## SUBJECT

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK AND KIT CARSON PARK**

## DEPARTMENT

Public Works

## RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-40, authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Escondido ("City"), a cooperative Purchase Agreement through Sourcewell with Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, in the amount of \$892,217.53 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for children 2-5 years, 5-12 years, and integrated shade structures for the San Diego County Park Improvements Project at Mountain View Park and Kit Carson Park.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Public Works: Joseph Goulart, Director of Public Works)

Presenter: Wayne Thames, Parks Superintendent

**ESSENTIAL SERVICE** – Yes, Maintenance of Parks Facilities/Open Spaces

**COUNCIL PRIORITY** – Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

Adequate funding for this purchase is programmed in the San Diego County Park Improvement Grant, Project No. 501206, SD County Park Improvements.

## PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 16, 2021, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Item 24: Aligning Capital Improvement Needs Assessment Projects in District 3 with Community Priorities, Equity, Inclusion, and Youth Development identifying several high-priority capital projects and community investments to support these opportunities throughout District 3.

In early April 2021, Brian Albright, Director of San Diego County Parks & Recreation, communicated to City staff possible County funding opportunities for community park improvements. At that time, City staff identified unfunded Capital Improvement Projects ("CIP") at Kit Carson Park and Mountain View Park. The identified CIP projects directly correlated with the prerequisites for County funding.



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On May 18, 2021, the County Board of Supervisors approved funding in the amount of \$1,980,000 for the Escondido community park improvements to be used towards City-identified projects including ballfield fencing replacement, installation of smart irrigation controllers, IQ cabinet, and modules, and playground structure equipment replacement. On July 13, 2021, the San Diego County Parks and Recreation received approval from the County Board of Supervisors to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City to transfer funds to the Escondido community park improvements.

On September 15, 2021, Council approved Resolution No. 2021-113 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of San Diego (“County”) and authorized a Budget Adjustment to receive \$1,980,000 from the County for funding improvements at parks located within the City of Escondido.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City identified two unfunded community park projects that met the County funding requirements, Mountain View Park and Kit Carson Park. Upgrades to these playground facilities are essential for maintaining the well-being and satisfaction of residents, ensuring that our public spaces remain valuable assets for future generations.

On December 20, 2023, the City launched an interactive online platform where community members could virtually explore and provide feedback on two design options for playground equipment structures, fostering inclusivity and accessibility in the decision-making process. The City received an overwhelming number of replies to the survey platform with 666 submitted responses.

The community consensus for Mountain View Park selected design option “A”, favored by 70 percent for the 2-5-year-old playground equipment structure and 68 percent for the 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure. Community consensus for Kit Carson Park favored design option “B” for the 2-5-year-old playground equipment structure and design option “A” for the 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure by 83 percent and 59 percent respectively (refer to Resolution No. 2024-40 Exhibit “A”).

Escondido Municipal Code Chapter 10, Article 5, Section 10-91, authorizes the purchase of goods or services with cooperative purchasing programs conducted by the State, County, or any other cooperative agency when such agency has processed cooperative purchases competitively. It is in the City’s best financial interest to utilize the cooperative purchase option through Sourcewell Contract No. 010521-LTS for both Mountain View Park and Kit Carson Park. This purchase is inclusive of equipment and installation costs. The City seeks council approval for the cooperative purchase through Miracle Recreation Equipment Company for the following:



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- Mountain View Park
  - 2–5-year-old playground equipment structure, design “A”
  - 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure, design “A”
  - Integrated shade
  - Playground Equipment Structure Installation
  - Poured-In-Place surfacing installation
  - **Total Purchase Price - \$434,358.71**
  
- Kit Carson Park
  - 2–5-year-old playground equipment structure, design “B”
  - 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure, design “A”
  - Swing Set
  - Installation
  - Poured in-Place Installation
  - Integrated shade
  - **Total Purchase Price - \$457,858.82**

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2024-40
- b. Resolution No. 2024-40 Exhibit “A” – Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Quotation