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Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

- From: Jesus A. Gonzalez, City Engineer
- CC: John Jansons, City Manager, Theresa Johnson, Community Services Director

Date: June 10, 2024

Re: Hart Ranch Community Park Schedule Update

Hart Ranch Community Park (Project) is a proposed 15 acre park located at the northeast corner of California and Goldenrodand Avenues. The Project dates back to a 2008 land donation by the Giacolini family. Upon receipt of the land, the City advacenced conceptual planning, and intiated annexation and funding identification activities. The initial attempt at receiving grant funding, a Proposition 84 State Park grant, was unsuccesful causing the project to go dormant.

In 2016, the City strenghtened its position for receiving grant funding by listing received Measure M funding as "matching funds" in applications. The availability of matching funds and an increased number of grant opportunites proved vital in obtaining further funding to allow for the start of design activities in the summer of 2020.

Concurrent to design efforts, the site has been cleared of orchards and is ready for start of construction activities upon procurement of a contractor via the competitive bid process. To this end, the Project is anticipated to start advertising the week of June 24, 2024 with construction anticipated to start the week of October 10, 2024. For further details, please see the attached upcoming schedule.

Funding allocated to the Project are as follows:

- Land and Water Conservation Grant Funding awarded in October of 2019 in the amount of \$2,500,000 with expiration in June of 2024. The City has requested a one-year extension and is in communication with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for its processing.
- 2. California Natural Resources Grant Funding awarded in September of 2021 in the amount of \$2,003,695 with expiration in June of 2025.
- 3. State Budget Earmarked Funding awarded in July of 2023 in the amount \$1,000,000 with expiration in June of 2027.
- 4. American Rescue Plan Act Funding in the amount of \$3,655,780 with an obligation of funds by December of 2024
- 5. Measure M Funding in the amount of \$3,718,700.

Please feel free to contact staff with questions.

ATTACHMENT- 1: Tentative Schedule as of May 2024.