

COUNCIL AGENDA: 11/07/17
FILE: 17-313
ITEM:

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Angel Rios, Jr.
Jennifer A. Maguire

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: October 23, 2017

Approved

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Date

11/3/17

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 10

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION TAX AND PROPERTY CONVEYANCE TAX FUND: PARKS PURPOSES COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 FOR THE GUADALUPE OAK GROVE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the following Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Appropriation Ordinance amendments in the Construction Tax and Property Conveyance Tax Fund: Parks Purposes Council District #10:

- (1) Establish the Guadalupe Oak Grove Park Management Plan appropriation to the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department in the amount of \$250,000; and
- (2) Decrease the Ending Fund Balance by \$250,000.

OUTCOME

Approval of this item will allow for the execution of the Guadalupe Oak Grove Park Management Plan Initial Implementation Strategy.

BACKGROUND

Guadalupe Oak Grove Park is an approximately 50-acre parcel located in a residential area in south San José. It includes one of the last remaining large tracts of deciduous oak savanna and woodland on the floor of the Santa Clara Valley and represents an invaluable natural resource to the City of San José and to oak woodland conservation in the San Francisco Bay region. The City prepared the *Guadalupe Oak Grove Park Management Plan* (Hardesty Associates, 1987) and *Guadalupe Oak Grove Park Management Plan Supplement* (H.T. Harvey and Associates, 2016) to develop management goals, objectives, and actions to preserve and enhance the natural resources of the park while integrating and balancing the current recreational uses for residents.

In August 2016, an application for a grant based on the Guadalupe Oak Grove Management Plan (the "Plan") was submitted to the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, Measure Q Urban Open Space Grant Program 2016/2017 to implement the Plan. The grant was not awarded, and subsequently the Plan was not implemented.

ANALYSIS

Currently PRNS has an existing Master Agreement with H.T. Harvey and Associates for environmental mitigation, monitoring and maintenance on City park and trail projects. Due to the critical nature of this project, staff recommends establishing a new appropriation to fund a Service Order on the existing Master Agreement in the amount of \$250,000 to implement the Plan. Staff will conduct periodic walk-throughs of the Park to monitor conditions and to ensure that the outcomes of the Plan are being met.

Included in this memorandum is a recommendation to allocate funding of \$250,000 in the Construction Tax and Property Conveyance Tax Fund: Parks Purposes Council District #10, with a corresponding decrease to the Ending Fund Balance. This funding is needed to ensure the implementation of the Plan, which will include conducting baseline surveys, engaging the community, managing vegetation, and conducting revegetation.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

No subsequent Council action is necessary at this time.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Martin-Fontana Parks Association conducted surveys prior to the development of the Plan to get input from the community regarding conditions of the park and vegetation management. Information from community members was provided to H.T. Harvey and Associates and the City and was included in the Plan.

In addition, the Plan will allow the Consultant to work with community members and provide volunteer training.

COORDINATION

This project and memorandum have been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

This item does not have input from a board or commission.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION: \$250,000

2. COST OF PROJECT:

Conduct Baseline Surveys	\$35,000
Engage the Community, Volunteers, and Students	\$20,000
Manage Vegetation – Remove or Control Invasive Plant Species	\$96,000
Conduct Revegetation	<u>\$99,000</u>
Total Cost	<u>\$250,000</u>

3. SOURCE OF FUNDING: 389 – Construction Tax and Conveyance Tax Fund: Parks Purposes Council District #10.

4. OPERATING COSTS: Ongoing management of vegetation for fire hazard prevention is already included in the City’s routine maintenance and no additional cost is applicable.

BUDGET REFERENCE

The table below identifies the fund and appropriations proposed to fund the Guadalupe Oak Grove Park Management Plan Initial Implementation Strategy.

Fund #	Appn #	Appn. Name	Total Appn.	Rec. Budget Action	2017-2018 Adopted Capital Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
389	NEW	Guadalupe Oak Grove Park Management Plan	N/A	\$250,000	N/A	N/A
389	8999	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,375,744	(\$250,000)	576	10/17/2017, 30014

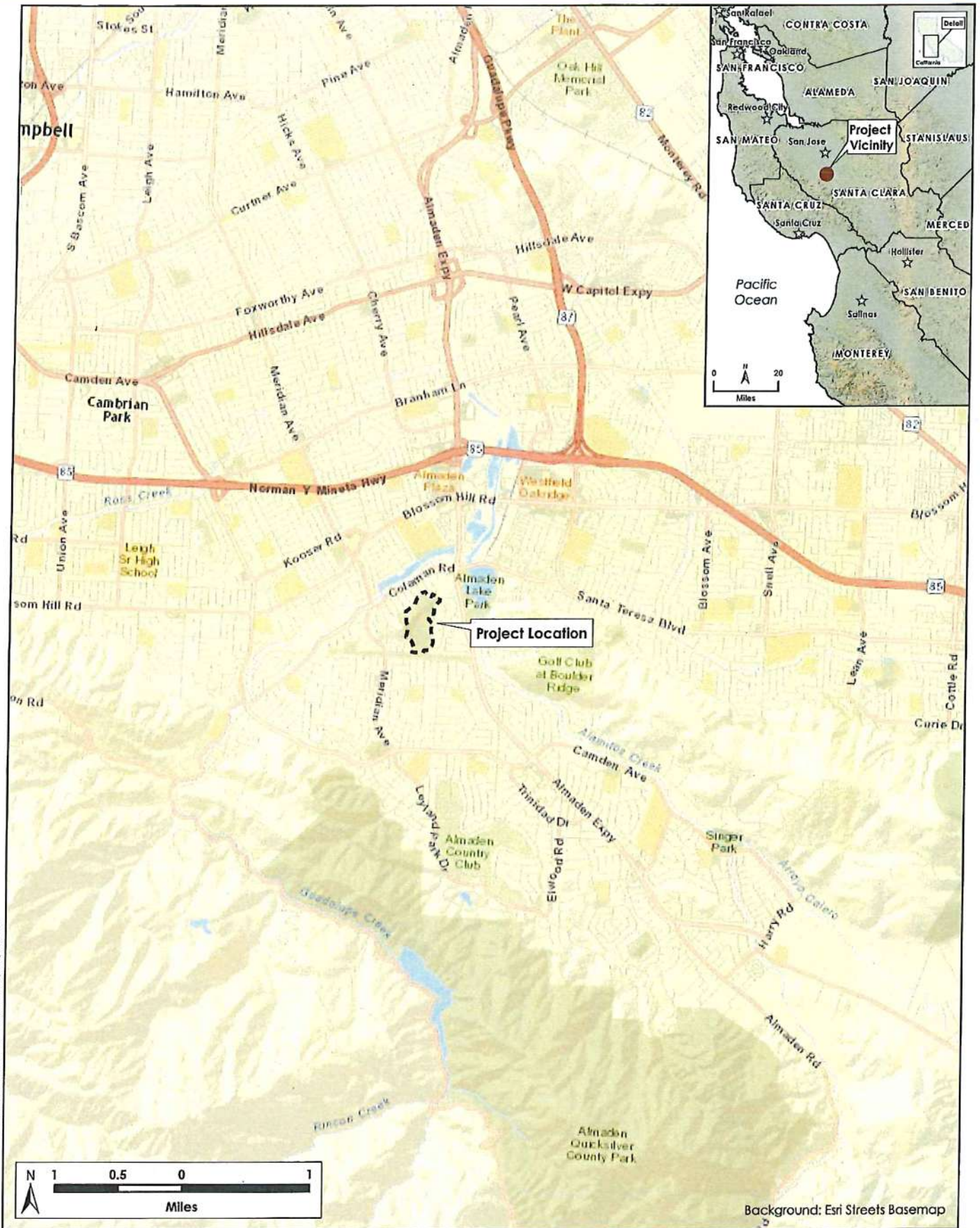
CEQA

Exempt, CEQA Section 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources, File No. PP17-073.

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Figure 1. Vicinity Map
Guadalupe Oak Grove Park Management Plan (3823-01)
June 2016