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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for the acquisition and development of parkland with fees and interest derived from the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO).

Background

Section 66477 of the Government Code enables local governments to require the dedication of land or the payment of an in lieu fee, or a combination of both, for neighborhood and community park or recreational purposes. The Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (County Code sections 810.101 through 810.114) provides the mechanism for implementing section 66477 of the Government Code in San Diego County. The words or phrases defined in the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance shall have the same meaning when used in this policy.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. To provide maximum possible park acreage for present and future County residents, fees received pursuant to the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance will be used for land acquisition and development of new, or rehabilitation of existing, County local park or recreational facilities or for such facilities when they occur in a regional park and are available to serve the recreational needs of local residents. These funds may be used to develop new local parks only if a source of funds other than the County General Fund will provide for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the new park.

2. The Parks and Recreation Department and cognizant advisory committees will advise and assist in recommending priorities for acquisition and development in addition to standard maintenance and operation programs for parks. The Board of Supervisors may create local park and recreation advisory committees in each Local Park Planning Area or may utilize community planning committees to advise and assist in recommending priorities, site selection and development of park facilities within a Local Park Planning Area. Input from other citizens and community organizations may also be solicited and utilized.

3. On an annual basis, the Department of Parks and Recreation shall request a 5 year priority list from each Planning Group or other approved entity within the unincorporated county, for purposes of defining community recommendations for use of PLDO funds.

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DPR shall review these lists for conformance with the requirements of the PLDO ordinance and this Policy. DPR will consider projects on these lists, as well as general community park needs, when determining whether to bring recommendations forward to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. In some instances, DPR may recommend park improvements not on the lists provided by the local Planning Groups or other approved entities.

4. The County encourages the joint use of publicly owned lands and facilities and will cooperate with other public agencies to pursue joint programs or projects for planning, acquisition and development of park facilities where such cooperation will result in better service to the public or a more effective use of public funds and when the other agency provides maintenance and operation services.

5. Interest on Park Lands Dedication Ordinance fees is not subject to any time limitation for expenditure, will be kept in a separate sub-fund in the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance fund and will be accounted for separately by the Auditor and Controller.

Sunset date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-16.

Board Action

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2. Chief Financial Officer/Auditor and Controller