



DATE: March 27, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT Approval of a Resolution in Support of Proposition 68, Park and Water Bond of 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approves the attached resolution in support of Proposition 68, Park and Water Bond of 2018.

SUMMARY

In 2017, Governor Brown signed SB 5 (De Leon): California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. SB 5 authorized submitting a \$4 billion bond package to California voters during the June primary election. The bond will provide funding for parks, water, and climate and environmental programs. This is the first bond for parks, resources, and environmental improvements since 2002.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Proposition 68 identifies several funding priorities to be fulfilled by the bond's proceeds. These include the following areas¹:

- Ensuring clean drinking water
- Protecting local communities from floods
- Protecting California's rivers, lakes, and streams
- Protecting coast, beaches, bays, and oceans
- Safe parks for every child
- Improving resilience to climate change
- Conserving and protecting natural areas
- Promoting recreation and tourism
- Supporting construction jobs.

¹ Information retrieved from www.yes68ca.com

The bond earmarks \$1.3 billion for parks funding, \$1.2 billion for water funding, and \$1.5 billion for climate and environmental programs. A detailed breakdown of the funding can be found in Attachment III.

The proposition provides \$120 million for allocations to cities and park districts. HARD will receive a minimum of \$200,000 from this allocation for park improvements and rehabilitation. There will be an additional \$725 million of competitive grants for safe neighborhood parks. Furthermore, there will be additional funding opportunities for the City through competitive grants for various water and climate adaptation and resiliency programs.

Proposition 68 achieves several of the Council's Legislative Program Policy Positions, specifically:

1.3A—Support legislation and initiatives that boost funding for the creation of sustainable and stable water supply infrastructure.

1.3B—Support legislation and initiatives that encourage the conservation of water resources as well as the development of water recycling capabilities.

1.6C—Support legislation and initiatives that sustain or increase funding for the development and maintenance of public parks and open spaces.

FISCAL IMPACT

Proposition 68 will not have an immediate fiscal impact on the City. However, through various grant programs, the City will have the opportunity to compete for funding relating to various water and climate adaptation and resiliency programs.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Proposition 68 will support the Complete Communities Strategic initiative through various program funding opportunities. The purpose of the Complete Communities strategic initiative is to create and support structures, services, and amenities to provide inclusive and equitable access with the goal of becoming a thriving and promising place to live, work and play for all. This item supports the following goal and objective:

Goal 1: Improve quality of life for residents, business owners, and community members in all Hayward neighborhoods.

Objective 4: Create resilient and sustainable neighborhoods

NEXT STEPS

If Council approves the attached resolution, staff will distribute the signed resolution to the appropriate bodies, as well as post a copy of the resolution on the Legislative Program website.

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Approved by:

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Kelly McAdoo, City Manager