



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services

Subject: Accept and File Park Impact Fees Annual Report

Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

Formal Title: Accept and file the Park and Recreation Development Impact Fees - Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Recommended Action

Accept and file the Park and Recreation Development Impact Fees – Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Executive Summary

The Department of Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Services (Parks) has completed the Park and Recreation Development Impact Fees - Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for the Board's acceptance and filing. This annual report is presented in compliance with Santa Cruz County Code Section 15.03.090, which requires an annual review of park and recreation impact fees held in trust by the County.

Discussion

Park and recreation fees are necessary to enable new development to pay for the increasing costs of the County's system of neighborhood, community, rural, and regional parks, open spaces, trails, and coastal access facilities on a marginal cost basis. In 2020, the Parks Department, in partnership with Keyser Marston Associates, conducted a Parks and Recreation Development Impact Fee Study.

At the meeting on June 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved changes to the sections of County Code related to Parkland Dedication and In-Lieu Fees and Park Impact Fees (Chapter 15.03 Parks and Recreation Development Impact Fees). This update to the park dedication fee program provides much-needed funds for the expansion and improvement of the parks system.

Pursuant to Section 15.03.090, the Parks Department shall make an annual report to the Board of Supervisors within 180 days after the end of the fiscal year. The attached report includes details of the collected fees and how they were expended. Staff requests that the Board approve and file the 2023-24 Annual Report.

The recommended action supports the Parks Strategic Plan Goal 2: Strong Organization, by fostering transparency.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from the recommended actions.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - Community Voices & Partnership

Operational Plan - Sustainable Environment

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