



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
December 15, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront  
 Subject: Donation: Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp for Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Construction

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation from the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp up to the amount of \$700,000 for the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp construction.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The cash donation of up to \$700,000 will be deposited into the Playground Camps Fund and will be appropriated in the Second Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (AAO). The FY 2022 funds can either be appropriated with the FY 2022 AAO or during the year as part of the FY 2022 AAO #1.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp (FOBTC) wish to make a donation of up to \$700,000 for the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Construction. The Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Project is being funded by insurance proceeds, Federal Emergency Management Agency grant funds and City catastrophic reserve funds. The City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7, 166-N.S.).

FOBTC wishes to support the Project by donating funds to be utilized solely for construction costs not covered by these other sources. These funds will be used for the construction of shade structures and to supplement revegetation. The construction costs for this scope of work is under development, but is not expected to exceed \$700,000. All of the donated funds will be used to fund construction costs that are not eligible for insurance funds; and this donation will be not used for City staff time.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, established in 1922, was destroyed by the Rim Fire, a federally declared disaster, in August 2013. The property was covered by the City's insurance policy, and insurance proceeds will be the primary source of reconstruction funds. The City has also been awarded a Public Assistance Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to

partially fund reconstruction. Construction of the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Project is underway.

The FOBTC is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the camp experience for present and future generations through education, volunteer efforts, and financial support. Since the loss of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp in 2013, FOBTC has worked to support the reconstruction effort with donations, community partnerships, and with education and outreach to camp supporters. In addition, many former Tuolumne campers and FOBTC members have attended and generously supported the Echo Lake Family Camp program since the loss of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp.

The total cost estimate for the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Rebuild Project is \$54M. This cost will be covered by insurance, FEMA and state grant funding, and City funds. On April 4, 2017, City Council allocated \$3.3M of City funds from the Catastrophic Reserve to fund the City cost share of the reconstruction project (Resolution No. 67,889-N.S.).

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This donation is specifically for construction services of project elements that are not eligible under other funding sources.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative actions were considered.

#### CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

DONATION: FRIENDS OF BERKELEY TUOLUMNE CAMP FOR BERKELEY  
TUOLUMNE CAMP CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp (FOBTC) is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the Camp experience for present and future generations through education, volunteer efforts, and financial support; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp have offered a donation to the City of up to \$700,000 for the construction of shade and revegetation at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp which is ineligible for funding from other sources; and

WHEREAS, the City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the cash donation will be deposited into Camps Fund donation revenue budget code (125-52-543-583-0000-000-461-481110-18CP01) and will be used only for construction costs that are ineligible for insurance or Public Assistance Grant funding;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that a cash donation up to the amount of \$700,000 from the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp is hereby accepted.

