



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 26, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront

Subject: Approval of Funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Tuolumne Camp

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to allocate up to \$350K to add electric vehicle charging stations at Tuolumne Camp.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total project budget for the Tuolumne Camp project is approximately \$53.75M. In April of 2017, City Council allocated \$3.3M from the City's General Fund Catastrophic Reserve for the project. Of this amount, the project has spent approximately \$2.35M, leaving a current balance of \$950,000. Over 95% of the project was covered by insurance proceeds, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant, and donations from the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, a non-profit organization.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In August, 2013, the City's Berkeley Tuolumne Camp was destroyed by the Rim Fire, a federally declared major disaster event. On January 24, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 67,821-N.S.¹, establishing the City Council's policy for the General Fund Reserves. On April 4, 2017, City Council adopted Resolution No. 67,889-N.S.², allocating \$3,300,000 from the City's Catastrophic Reserve Fund for the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Rebuild Project (Project).

Berkeley Tuolumne Camp (BTC) is currently in the final phase of reconstruction. The BTC ribbon cutting was on Saturday, June 4, 2022 and the camp opened to the public on

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Wednesday, June 22, 2022. A project update was provided to Council on October 15, 2021³. The total Project budget is \$53.75M. Over 95% of the Project is funded by insurance proceeds, the City's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant, and donations from the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp non-profit organization.

The City proposes allocating \$350,000 of the remaining balance of \$900,000 from the City's General Fund Catastrophic Reserve for the construction of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp. EVCS at Camp directly serve City-wide climate action and resiliency goals, including decreased dependence on fossil fuels and the City's Net-Zero Carbon Emissions commitments.

Conceptual design of the EVCS has been completed. A change order must be funded in order to complete this additional work in FY 2023. If not authorized now, this work must be rebid when funding has been identified at a later date.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, established in 1922, is a 30-acre property operated under a Special Use Permit with the US Forest Service (USFS). The camp has served primarily as a family camp, but also offered teen leadership programs, adult hiking camps, and private group rental opportunities. Prior to the fire, BTC had the capacity to host approximately 280 campers, 60 staff members, and 10 counselors-in-training at one time, and served over 4,000 campers each year. The major facilities at the Camp included a Dining Hall; a Recreation Hall, 77 small single-story wood-frame camper tent cabins; staff cabins; maintenance and storage structures; a bridge across the river; parking and loading areas, and electric, water supply, and wastewater utilities.

In August 2013, the California Rim Fire destroyed the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp (BTC), a residential family camp located within the Stanislaus National Forest.

On January 24, 2020 the City issued a request for bids for the reconstruction of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp. Bids were due on March 12, 2020. The California state-wide "Stay at Home" order due to COVID-19 was issued on March 19, 2020. On April 14, 2020, City Council awarded the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Robert E. Boyer Construction, Inc. Construction began in June, 2021 and is substantially complete.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The construction of EVCS at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp would reduce carbon emissions at Camp and encourage the use of electric vehicles by Campers. Achieving these goals will further the City commitment to decreased use and dependence on fossil fuels and progress towards net-zero carbon emission commitments.

³ https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level_3_-_General/Resident%20Camps%20Update%20101521.pdf

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of constructing EVCS at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp is to further City-wide climate action goals.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could opt to not construct EVCS at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp resulting in the no availability of electric vehicle charging available at Camp

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AT
TUOLUMNE CAMP

WHEREAS, in August, 2013, the City's Berkeley Tuolumne Camp was destroyed by the Rim Fire, a federally declared major disaster event; and

WHEREAS, the total project budget is \$53.75M. Over 95% of the Project is funded by insurance proceeds, the City's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant, and donations from the Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2017, City Council adopted Resolution No. 67,889-N.S., allocating \$3,300,000 from the City's Catastrophic Reserve Fund for the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Rebuild Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, of this amount, the project has spent approximately \$2.35M, leaving a current balance of \$950,000; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes allocating \$350,000 of the remaining balance of \$950,000 from the City's General Fund Catastrophic Reserve for the construction of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to allocate up to \$350K to add electric vehicle charging stations at Tuolumne Camp.