



General Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: October 24, 2023- **REVISED**

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

CONTACT PERSON: Maria Benavides-Lopez PHONE: 5592051124

SUBJECT: Capital Asset Purchase of Parks Equipment

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a capital asset purchase of three Flex-Wing Grooming Mowers in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.
2. Approve the necessary budget adjustment per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

SUMMARY:

The Parks division is responsible for maintaining 11 County Parks and relies on two different types of mowers for lawn upkeep, Flex-Wing Mowers for large areas and Z-track mowers for smaller areas. The Flex-Wing Mowers are essential for efficiency and productivity, as they cover approximately three times the ground area as Z-track mowers.

Due to the advanced age of 20+ years, the maintenance of the existing Flex-Wing Mowers has become increasingly challenging. Many of the parts needed to maintain these mowers have become obsolete creating the need for custom-made components and attempts to fabricate temporary fixes resulting in excessive downtime. Therefore, the mowers are outdated and at the end of their serviceable life.

The proposed new Flex-Wing mowers are more efficient providing higher speeds and better quality as well as a life expectancy of twice as long as the existing mowers. The new mowers include a 10-year gearbox warranty (including seals), a 3-year spindle warranty, and a 1-year machine warranty.

It is requested that the Board approve a capital asset purchase of three Flex-Wing Grooming Mowers in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 and approve the necessary

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budget adjustment per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required) to streamline park maintenance and alleviate any ongoing issues caused by the outdated equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The attached AUD 308 is requesting to increase revenues to the Parks Budget by \$120,000 from an operating transfer-in from Miscellaneous Administration to offset the increased expense to purchase three Flex-Wing Grooming Mowers.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Strategic Business Plan includes Organizational Performance and Quality of Life initiatives. Purchasing the Flex-Wing Mowers will ensure that staff have the necessary equipment to achieve their mission of serving customers and providing a clean welcoming space for Park patrons.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Kyle Taylor

Kyle Taylor
General Services Agency Deputy Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: AUD 308