



# General Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** September 3, 2024

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	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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**SUBJECT:** Reaffirm the Emergency Park Repairs Related to March 2023 Storm Event Damages

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Reaffirm the existence of an emergency within the meaning of Public Contract Code §1102 and Public Resources Code §21060.3 due to the damage to Bartlett Park from the March 2023 storm events, as declared by the Board of Supervisors on June 27, 2023, Resolution No. 2023-0554. (4/5ths vote)

**SUMMARY:**

On March 1, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency for many counties throughout the State of California due to severe winter storms that brought heavy rain, thunderstorms, and strong winds that caused devastating floods. The County of Tulare (County) was hit especially hard, with considerable damage to infrastructure, including building structures and roads. It also caused extensive damage to County parks, including Bartlett Park (Park).

The Park is located just below Schafer Dam and is intended to absorb the overflow from the dam spillway. On March 10, 2023, Lake Success met its capacity, and water began flowing through the park at an estimated rate of 6,500 cubic feet of water per second (CFS) as the dam released 5,200 CFS. The storms caused detrimental effects to the Park, damaging many areas including but not limited to electrical, structural, landscaping, ponds, playground equipment, roads, and irrigation.

The expected repairs include replacing damaged electrical equipment, dredging the irrigation pond, interior road repair, assessing and repairing the play equipment, irrigation repair, grading of the new drainage channel between the ponds, repairing the berm of pond three, replacing irrigation pumps, removal of sediment and rocks, and general

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clean-up of debris. Most of these repairs are critical to not only the operation of the Park, but to keeping the established trees alive.

Staff recommends that the Board reaffirm the Emergency Park Repairs related to March 2023 storm event damages in order that the emergency remains in effect. As such, it is requested that the Board reaffirm the existence of an emergency due to the damage to Bartlett Park from the March 2023 storm events, Resolution No. 2023-0554. (4/5ths vote)

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

These projects will be funded in Capital Projects Fund 030-086-3200-8125. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement will be requested, and an insurance claim has been filed. There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's Strategic Business Plan includes the Safety and Security initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public. The Bartlett Park repairs align with the initiative by providing improved facilities for the protection of the public and staff.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

**/s/ Brooke Sisk**

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Brooke Sisk  
General Services Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: N/A