



General Services Agency

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AGENDA DATE: April 1, 2025

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 included 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.

On June 27, 2023, the Board issued Resolution No. 2023-0554, officially declaring an emergency under Public Contract Code §1102 and Public Resources Code §21060.3 due to storm-related damages. Since then, staff has brought forward a bi-weekly item to reaffirm the local emergency status. Bartlett Park has remained closed to the public since March 2023 to facilitate critical repairs and ensure public safety.

In response, the Parks division has been actively coordinating emergency repairs to restore park amenities and ensure public safety. The emergency repair work has been structured into three phases, prioritizing essential repairs to facilitate a safe reopening. With a majority of the projects now complete, the Park was re-opened to the public on March 13, 2025.

The remaining phase 3 projects are currently under review by the insurance provider, and the exact total for reimbursement is not yet finalized. The current estimate for the reimbursement request of \$1.8 million remains subject to change, pending the completion of the insurance review and approval process. The table below outlines a breakdown of each project phase and the current status of repairs.

Project Description	Estimated Costs	Actual Costs	Project Status
Phase 1			
Dredging Pond 1		\$40,842	Completed
Dredging Pond 2		\$46,550	Completed
Soil Movement		\$59,950	Completed
Phase 2			
Willitts Pump		\$4,898	Completed
Irrigation Pump and Electrical Replacement		\$138,031	Completed
Trail Pathway		\$86,200	Completed
Pier Construction		\$239,006	Completed
Pond Lookout		\$16,125	Completed
Play Power Benches and Grills		\$29,922	Completed
Restroom Damage Repair		\$56,689	Completed
Arbor 8 - Small		\$115,200	Completed
Walkway Path- Pond Lookout (Restroom/Handicap Parking)		\$12,900	Completed
Arbor 11 - Medium		\$131,167	Completed
Phase 3			
Irrigation Lines		\$800,000	Completed
Tule Pump Repair	\$19,035		Quote
Paving		\$345,140	Completed
Fence Repair	\$4,200		Quote
Disc Golf Baskets and Pads	\$15,000		Estimate
East side Fence		\$12,500	Quote
Inclusive Playground Replacement	\$563,983		Quote
Trash Can Replacement (10)	\$500		Estimate
Hydroseed	\$7,420		Quote
Electrical	\$93,700		Quote
Paint all Park structures	\$2,500		Estimate
Concrete around the playground	\$57,763		Estimate
Subtotal	\$764,101	\$2,135,120	

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Emergency repairs were anticipated to be completed by January 2025. However, due to the insurance company's need for further assessments to fully evaluate the extent of the Park damages, the timeline for completion has been delayed and is now expected to be completed by April 2025.

As such, staff recommends that the Board reaffirm the Emergency Park Repairs related to the March 2023 storm damages so that the emergency remains in effect. This allows staff to continue to expedite the time-sensitive work required to restore access to the park.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total estimated cost of damage assessment for Bartlett Park is approximately \$2.9 million. To date, insurance reimbursements amount to \$1,714,248.74. Projects will be funded in the Capital Projects Fund 030-086-3200-8125. 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

Brooke Sisk
General Services Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: NA