FY 2019-20 Budget Hearings Board Inquiry Form

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Request/Question:

Would funding the CSD-Parks recreation master plan better position the County to compete Prop 68 park bond funding?

Yes. Having a Countywide Park and Recreation Master Plan will make grant applications more competitive for Prop. 68 funding and other future funding sources. The Master Plan will also assist other eligible agencies Countywide, in applying for Prop. 68 grants and reduce the costs of delivering those projects once grants are awarded. One of the primary goals of the Countywide Parks Master Plan is to conduct the public outreach, complete a park and recreation needs assessment, and initiate environmental documentation for countywide projects and programs that would be eligible for Prop. 68 funding, making those projects highly competitive

Under the 2018 Proposition 68 Bond Act programs, over \$650 million will be available state-wide over the next several years for the acquisition and development of new parks and recreational opportunities including expansion or renovation of existing parks. The initial grant cycle will make \$259 million available through seven State agencies that will be disbursing funds under more than 71 separate programs that each have unique application requirements and project eligibility.

Smaller cities like Guadalupe and other park and recreation partners that may not have the resources to engage in the planning and environmental documentation and can use the Master Plan to support their grant applications increasing the recreation inventory for all County residents.