



# Park and Recreation Commission

*City of Arts & Innovation*

**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2020**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON RECENTLY COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS AT MT. RUBIDOUX**

## **ISSUES:**

Receive an update on improvements recently completed at Mt. Rubidoux.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive an update on improvements recently completed at Mt. Rubidoux and provide input.

## **BACKGROUND**

Mt. Rubidoux is a 175-acre public open space park overlooking the Santa Ana River in Downtown Riverside. The park's trails and hillsides were damaged and degraded over time due to drought, erosion, and heavy public use.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department recently completed storm water and erosion control improvements, hillside stabilization improvements, and trail repair and rehabilitation work in order to make the park more sustainable and resilient to climate change. Photos included in the attached presentation exhibit the work that was completed.

A California State Parks Habitat Conservation Fund grant, a California Conservation Corp ("CCC") Proposition 68 grant, a City of Riverside Historic Preservation Fund grant, and City Regional Park Development Special Capital Improvement (413) Funds were used to complete the work. A portion of the work was performed by the California Conservation Corp under the direction and mentorship of the City's Parks Division. Through their Proposition 68 grant, the CCC was able to devote \$542,860 of labor to the project at no charge to the City. The City provided the CCC with materials and City Staff to direct and support their work.

An additional \$2,025,000 in grant funding has been secured from the Santa Ana River Conservancy, a division of the California Coastal Conservancy, to fund the planning, preliminary design, and environmental review for nine project sites along the Santa Ana River, including \$84,500 to use towards re-imagining St. Francis Falls at the base of Mt. Rubidoux.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by:	Alisa Sramala, Trails Coordinator
Approved by:	Randy McDaniel, Deputy Director
Approved by:	Adolfo Cruz, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director
Approved by:	Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager

Attachment:	PowerPoint Presentation
-------------	-------------------------