



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
April 14, 2009

Honorable Mayor  
and Members of the City Council

**Title: CIP: River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvements  
(L19804100)**

**Location/Council District:** 2450 Meadowview Road, Council District 8

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) establishing a capital improvement project (CIP) for long term capital improvements at Rivercats Independence Field (L19804100); 2) appropriating \$117,000 in Park Development Impact Fees (Fund 3204) to the River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvement Project (L19804100); 3) accepting \$72,877 into the CIP Reimbursable Fund (Fund 3702) from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, and 4) appropriating \$72,877 in CIP Reimbursable Funds (Fund 3702) to the River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvement Project (L19804100).

**Contact:** Jonathan Rewers, Parks and Recreation Analyst, 808-7590; Alan Tomiyama Recreation Manager, 808-8958

**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Office of the Director

**Organization No:** 19001411

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** In October 2005, the City of Sacramento opened River Cats Independence Field (RCIF) a completely barrier free baseball field, where athletes of all ages with disabilities compete in team sports year round. The project was completed in partnership with the RCIF committee which raised the majority of funds to complete this project. During the course of the project approximately \$117,000 in construction resources was donated to the City so that City funding for this construction component of the project could be reserved for long term capital maintenance of RCIF. In addition, the City will be receiving \$72,877 in funding from the Sacramento Community Region Foundation for this effort. These funds will be reserved in a capital improvement project (CIP) until needed for replacement of the rubberized surface on site.

Establishment of capital improvement projects and appropriation of funds requires the approval of the City Council.



**Policy Considerations:** Staff's recommendation is consistent with policies in the City Council adopted *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* and with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability.

**Committee/Commission Action:** Not applicable.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** Staff's recommendation concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project," as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

**Sustainability Considerations:** Staff's recommendations have been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City's Sustainability Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Sustainability Plan. RCIF advances the goals, policies, and targets of this plan plans by improving the health of residents through access to a diverse mix of wellness activities.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** RCIF was developed with a rubberized, track-like material that makes it easily navigable for individuals in wheelchairs and walkers. Over time, as this field is used, the rubberized surface will need to be patched and ultimately replaced. Replacement of fields of this type is not budgeted as part of the on-going operating budget for the Park Operations Division or Youth and Community Recreation Division. It is fiscally prudent to set aside funding at this time for long-term replacement of the field.

The rubberized surface was originally funded through a grant of approximately \$150,000 from the State of California Integrated Waste Management Board. The total funding to be reserved for replacement of the rubberized surface and other significant capital improvements (site furniture replacement and infrastructure) at RCIF is \$189,877.

The proposed \$117,000 in Park Development Impact Fees is being reserved for a donation of construction services at RCIF. These funds should be allocated consistent with the City/Private partnership to develop RCIF. Funding from the Sacramento Community Region Foundation was originally raised for the development and operation of RCIF. The total funding raised is \$72,877 which will be granted to the City of Sacramento for the sole purpose of providing capital improvements to that site.

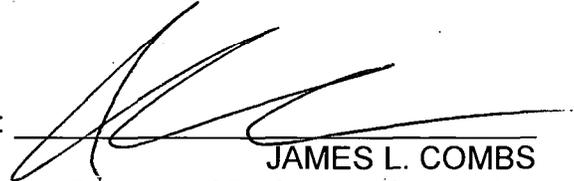
Consistent with the approved budget resolution, establishment of new capital improvement projects require approval of the City Council.

**Financial Considerations:** Staff is recommending that the City Council establish a capital improvement project for the River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvement Project (L19804100) and that the City Council approve an appropriation of \$117,000 in Park Development Impact Fees to the project (Fund 3204).

Staff is also recommending that the City Council accept \$72,877 in donated funds from the Sacramento Community Region Foundation be accepted into the City's CIP Reimbursable fund (Fund 3702) and that these funds be appropriated to the River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvement Project (L19804100).

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable. There are no ESBD considerations with this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

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RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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**ATTACHMENT 1****Background:**

River Cats Independence Field (RCIF) was opened to the public in October 2005. RCIF is a completely barrier free baseball field, where athletes of all ages with disabilities compete in team sports year round. The rubberized surface of the baseball field allows players of all abilities to independently negotiate the infield and outfield with ease. The project was developed as a Public/Private partnership, the majority of funds for the development of RCIF coming from private donors.

During the course of the project approximately \$117,000 in work was donated to the City so that City funding for this construction component of the project could be reserved for long term capital maintenance of RCIF. Staff is recommending that \$117,000 in Park Development Impact Fees therefore be allocated consistent with the partnership to develop RCIF.

Of the original funds raised for the development of RCIF an amount of \$72,877 remains and is being held by the Sacramento Community Region Foundation. The Regional Foundation with the RCIF Committee wishes to grant these funds to the City of Sacramento for long-term capital improvements and replacement costs at RCIF.

Eventually the rubberized surface at RCIF will need to be patched and ultimately replaced. Replacement of fields of this type is not budgeted for as part the on-going operating budget for the Park Operations Division or Youth and Community Recreation Division. It is fiscally prudent, therefore, to set aside funding at this time for long-term replacement of the field.

Staff is recommending that the City Council establish a capital improvement project for the River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvement Project (L19804100); approve an appropriation of \$117,000 in Park Development Impact Fees to the project, and accept \$72,877 in donated funds from the Sacramento Community Region Foundation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 14, 2009

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
RIVER CATS INDEPENDENCE FIELD LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
(L19804100)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. In October 2005, the City of Sacramento opened River Cats Independence Field (RCIF) a completely barrier free baseball field, where athletes of all ages with disabilities compete in team sports year round.
- B. The project was completed in partnership with the RCIF committee which raised the majority of funds to complete this project.
- C. During the course of the project approximately \$117,000 in construction resources was donated to the City so that City funding for this construction component of the project could be reserved for long term capital maintenance of RCIF.
- D. Of the original funds raised for the development of RCIF, \$72,877 remains and is being held by the Sacramento Community Region Foundation. The Region Foundation with the RCIF Committee wishes to grant these funds to the City of Sacramento for long-term capital improvements and replacement costs at RCIF.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. A capital improvement project is established for the River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvement Project (L19804100).
- Section 2. \$117,000 in Park Development Impact Fees (Fund 3204) is appropriated to the River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvement Project (L19804100).
- Section 3. \$72,877 is accepted into the CIP Reimbursable Fund (Fund 3702) from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.
- Section 4. \$72,877 in CIP Reimbursable Funds (Fund 3702) is appropriated to the River Cats Independence Field Long Term Capital Improvement Project (L19804100).