



MEMORANDUM

DATE January 18, 2018
TO Measure A Steering Committee
FROM Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District
SUBJECT Draft Policies, Part I

Overview

In consultation with the Measure A Implementation Steering Committee, RPOSD is developing a set of policies to guide administration of Measure A funds. The three policies below will be discussed at the January 25, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting; discussion of other policies will occur per the schedule suggested in the “Revised Steering Committee Calendar/Topics” memo included in this package.

Variable Allocations Policy

Allocation of Measure A funds is subject to change on an annual basis, with up to 77.8 percent of annual funds to grant programs, up to 15 percent for maintenance and servicing of RPOSD funded projects, and up to 7.2 percent for innovation and oversight. Prior to allocating funds according to these percentages, up to two percent of total funds may be distributed to Board of Supervisors Annual Designated Park Projects.

Measure A identifies the following variable allocations within grant programs:

- Category 3 – up to 25% of funds shall be allocated to the County Department of Beaches and Harbors
- Category 3 – up to 15% of funds shall be allocated to recreation access programs
- Category 4 – up to 25% of funds shall be allocated to the County Department of Parks and Recreation
- Category 4 – up to 15% of funds shall be allocated to recreation access programs
- Category 4 – up to 10% of funds shall be allocated to County cultural facilities
- Category 5 – up to 20% of funds shall be allocated to organizations that provide certifications and placement services or apprenticeship opportunities

Changes made to allocation rates shall adhere to the following:

1. In the first year of expenditures, allocation rates shall be recommended by the Measure A Implementation Steering Committee, for inclusion in the annual Measure A Letter and Work Program to the Board of Supervisors

2. In subsequent years, allocation rates shall be recommended by the Citizens Oversight and Advisory Board for Measure A, for inclusion in the annual Measure A Letter and Work Program to the Board of Supervisors
3. Changes to allocation rates shall be made with the overall goal of meeting Measure A's objectives and should consider the complete accounting of all allocations each years, changes in level of park need throughout the County, and other results of periodic evaluation of Measure A.
4. Beginning in 2026, the allocation for Maintenance and Servicing may be increase up to two percent annually, with corresponding decreases for grant programs, until the two categories reach an equal allocation of 46.4 percent each.

Board of Supervisors Annual Designated Park Projects Policy

The Board of Supervisors may, on an annual basis, allocate up to two percent of Measure A revenue for designated park projects of their choosing. This allocation shall occur as follows:

1. The percent of revenue to be allocated for designated park projects shall be determined annually and shall not exceed two percent (2%) of annual revenue.
2. Each Supervisor's office shall receive 1/5th of the total amount of funds available annually. These funds may be expended annually, or may accumulate for a maximum of five (5) years.
3. Eligible expenditures include capital park projects, including planning and design, and Supervisors may use their funds to jointly fund eligible projects.
4. The Board should consider allocating a percentage of these funds:
 - a. To High- or Very High Need areas and/or facilities that directly serve residents of these areas, or
 - b. To projects that did not receive Category 3 or 4 funding in previous competitive grant cycles.

Consumer Price Index Update Policy

Measure A allows for the adjustment of the rate of tax based on cumulative increases to the Western Urban Consumer Price Index from July 1, 2017. Adjustments to the rate of tax shall be set as follows:

1. The tax rate may be set no higher than the amount of 1.5 cents per square foot of development, as adjusted by the cumulative increases, if any, to the Western Urban Consumer Price Index (WUCPI) using the designated reference date of July 1, 2017.
2. The maximum allowable tax rate shall be determined using the CPI Update Formula, and shall be calculated as follows:
$$(\$0.015) * (\text{WUCPI on July 1 of previous calendar year}) / (\text{WUCPI on July 1, 2017}) = \text{maximum adjusted tax rate per square foot, rounded to the nearest } 1/10^{\text{th}} \text{ of a cent.}$$

3. The tax rate shall be automatically adjusted every two years, to the maximum rate allowed by the CPI Update Formula.
4. The Board of Supervisors may, in any given year, choose to adjust the tax rate to a rate less than the maximum. If the Board of Supervisors chooses to adjust the rate, the decision must be unanimously approved.
5. The tax rate shall not be adjusted prior to the first disbursement of funds from Category 1 and Category 2.

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