



# **TOWN OF FAIRFAX**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**April 4, 2018**

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager GT

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution in support of Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Resolution.

### **DISCUSSION**

Passed by the legislature in September 2017, SB 5 – now known as Proposition 68 – was signed by the Governor to place a \$4 billion bond on the June 2018 ballot that would fund parks, water, climate and environmental programs. If the voters approve Proposition 68, local governments would receive funding for local park improvements and be eligible for grants to fund water, local parks, coastal and climate resiliency projects. Attached is a breakdown of the funding. In the past, the Town received park grant funding from a similar state bond issue.

More information on the bill can be found at <https://yes68ca.com/>. The full text of Proposition 68 can be found on the Secretary of State's website.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None at this time

### **ATTACHMENT**

- A. Funding detail
- B. Resolution

**SB 5 (de Leon) California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and  
Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018  
Chapter 852, Statutes of 2017 (Urgency)**

SB 5 (De Leon) places a \$4 billion bond on the June 2018 statewide ballot for parks, water, and climate and environmental programs. If the voters approve SB 5, local governments will receive funding for local park improvements and will be eligible for numerous grants to fund water, local parks, coastal and climate resiliency projects. The following is breakdown of funding in bond:

**Parks Funding (Total \$1.283 billion)**

- \$725 million for competitive grants for safe neighborhood parks
- \$200 million for per capita grants to cities, counties, and parks districts for local park improvement and rehabilitation
- \$15 million for competitive grants to urbanized counties
- \$30 million for competitive grants for state park facilities in regional parks districts
- \$40 million for per capita grants to local agencies that obtained voter approval for revenue measures between November 1, 2012 and November 30, 2016
- \$218 million for restoration of existing state park facilities, including \$5 million for urgent needs of local agencies that operate a unit of the state park system
- \$30 million for competitive grants for non-motorized infrastructure development
- \$25 million for competitive grants through the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris (RZH) Urban Open Space and Recreation Program

**Water Funding (Total \$1.19 billion)**

- \$250 million for competitive grants for clean drinking water programs
- \$550 million for flood protection and repair, including \$100 million for stormwater, mudslide and flash-flood-related protections and \$100 million for multibenefit flood management projects and storm water capture in urbanized areas
- \$290 million for competitive grants and loans for drought and groundwater regional sustainability
- \$100 million for grants or loans for water recycling programs

**Climate and Environmental Programs Funding (Total \$1.547 billion)**

- \$443 million for competitive grants for climate adaptation and resiliency programs
- \$162 million for the California River Parkways Program for grants to enhance urban creeks
- \$567 million for state conservancies and the Wildlife Conservation Board
- \$200 million for Salton Sea restoration activities and habitat
- \$175 million for coastal and ocean protection resources, including \$30 million for grants for lower cost coastal accommodations

## RESOLUTION 18-\_\_

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature adopted, and the Governor signed Senate Bill 5, a \$4 Billion General Obligation Bond to be placed on the June 2018 ballot entitled the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill ("SB") 5 represents the first legislatively authorized debt instrument for parks, resources and environmental improvements since 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, investments in California's urban, suburban and rural park and resources-related landscapes promote the notion of community and provide health, environmental and aesthetic benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, California Outdoor economy is a \$92 Billion economic driver, partly responsible for the continued health and growth of many of California's local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 contains \$215 Million in Per Capita funding to assist all of California's communities in underwriting priority park-related improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, an additional \$40 Million shall be available in block grant awards for communities that self-tax for park related improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 invests no less than \$1 Billion in California's most economically challenged communities, eradicating blight and promoting greater access to the outdoors and health-related pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 expends \$200 Million on California's State Park system, addressing a greater than \$1 Billion backlog in deferred maintenance which will translate into greater tourism and visitorship opportunities in adjacent communities; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 invests \$30 Million in trail network improvements promoting non-motorized recreational and commuter opportunities throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 recognizing the importance of California's rural spaces and invests \$25 Million through a competitive grant program to prop-up and enhance rural park infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 expends hundreds of millions on other important investments in resource-related infrastructure including California's rivers, coast, and other waterways, the state's mountainous settings such as the Sierra and wildlife and fish-dependent habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 invests heavily in combatting global warming through investments in urban greening projects, promoting healthy forests and carbon farming applications; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 underwrites investments in improving local water systems, promoting access to safe drinking water in some of California's most economically challenged communities; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 commits to a robust investment in groundwater improvements and sustainability to diversify water sources and recharge groundwater tables; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 underwrites improvements in the state flood management systems, armoring against calamities that beset the state including Oroville and elsewhere;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax hereby supports Proposition 68, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax supports and can be listed as a member of such organizations as the Californians for Clean Water and Safe Park coalition.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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PETER LACQUES, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk