Meeting Date: March 3, 2009

TOWN OF MORAGA **STAFF REPORT**

To: **Honorable Mayor, Town Council Members, and Parks and Recreation Commissioners**

From: **Jay Ingram, Parks and Recreation Director**

Subject: **East Bay Regional Park District, Measure WW grant money**

Request

The Park and Recreation Commission would like to begin prioritizing the $737,587.00 in Measure WW grant funds.

Background

In November of 2008 voters of Alameda and Contra Costa County passed Measure WW Park Bond Extension which will provide funds for acquisition and development of regional and local recreation projects. Local jurisdictions in the two counties are eligible for $125,000,000, with the Town of Moraga receiving $737,587.00. Town Council approved resolution 06-2009, enabling the Town to enter into a contractual agreement with East Bay Regional Park District for the distribution of funds upon completion of a project(s). Project applications are only accepted February 1 to March 31 each year. The project(s) must be fully completed by 2018.

Discussion

Now that the Town has an accepted Town-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan, discussion of Measure WW grant monies should start with that document. The Master Plan addresses priority Level 1 Capital and Non-Capital projects with the following costs:

Capital Project	Total Cost
Acquire special use area/site for multi-generational community center	$ 4,250,000.00
Develop Master Plan for gym/multi-generational center	$ 100,000.00
Develop gym/multi-generational community center	$ 7,000,000.00
Implement Hacienda de las Flores improvements	$ 1,000,000.00
Reconfigure sports fields at JMIS	$ 205,188.00
Implement other school sports field improvements	$ 500,000.00
Total Capital	**$13,055,188.00**

Separate from but related to. The Acalanes Union High School District has installed five synthetic turf field with much satisfaction and success. One of the main issues for the Moraga Sports Alliance is the condition of the existing Moraga fields. On Tuesday, February 24, 2009, the Town hosted a synthetic turf informational meeting. Approximately 40 people attended. Residents listened to two consultants from different synthetic turf companies speak to the benefits of synthetic turf. No water, very limited maintenance, one synthetic turf fields takes the place of three to four natural turf fields, etc. Synthetic turf in Moraga is a serious consideration for the Park and Recreation Commission.

Fiscal Impact

None at this time.

Recommendation

Discuss possibilities for Measure WW grant funds with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guide.

Report Reviewed by: Interim Town Manager