SCV Water Conservatory Garden & Education Experience

DESIGN CHECK-IN

Water Resources and Watershed Committee March 10,2021
Item No. 5.2

Objectives

- Seek Committee Feedback on Site Design Concept
- Guidance on Watershed Exhibit Design
- Review Process
- Inform on Schedule & Next Steps

Review



Review – Current Status



Review

- Limited Utility
- Antiquated Plant Pallet
- Obsolete Irrigation Technology
- Piecemeal Construction
- Fully Depreciated Asset
- Latent Opportunity

Process Overview



Groundwork

- Assessed Three Options
- Leveraged Legacy Work
- Incorporated Stakeholder Input
 - Committee Recommendation(s)
 - Management Review
 - CONGA-TAG (Staff, Exhibit & Design Teams)

Option C

- Scaled Garden & Pocket Parks
- Utilizes Current Area
- Reduces Size (~8 acres to <1acre)
- Modernizes Landscape and Irrigation Practices



Option C

- Scaled Garden & Pocket Parks
- Improves Education Resources
- Expands Access
- Estimated Cost = \$1.4 Million

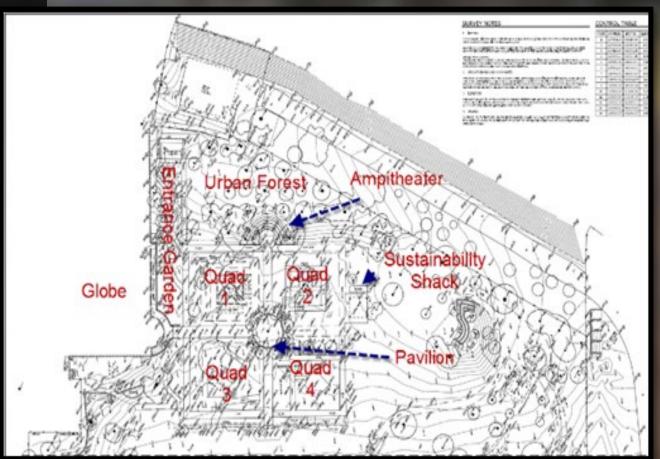


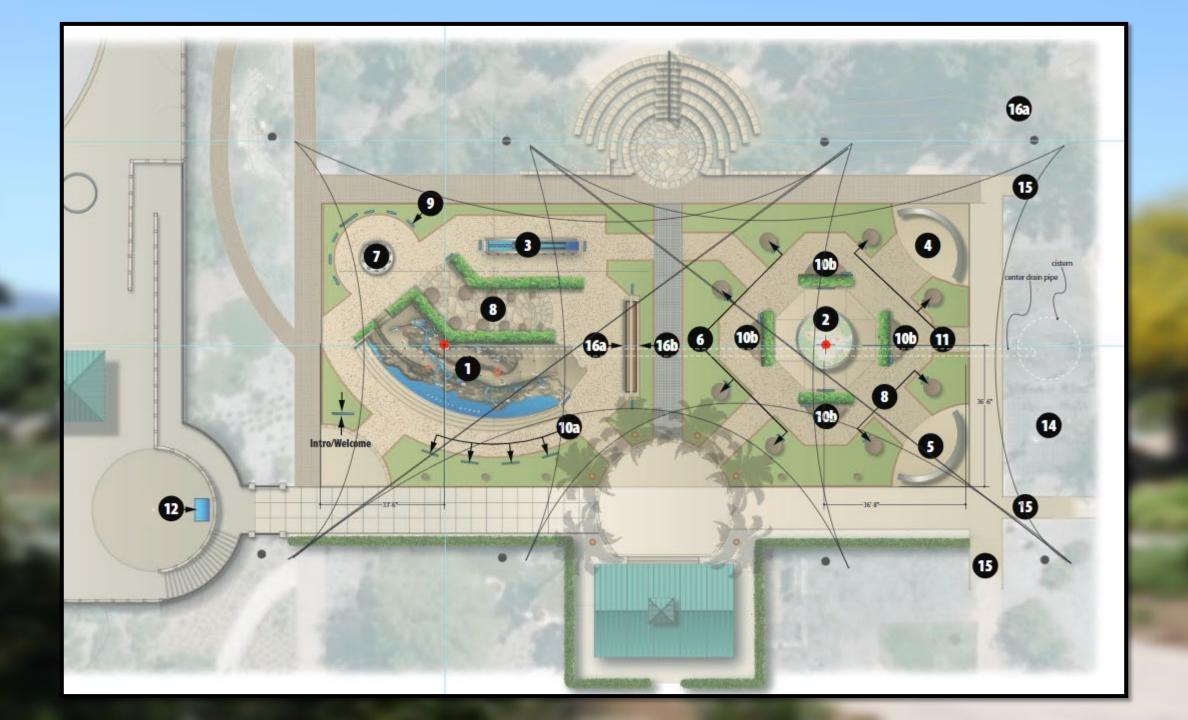
Site Design



Concept Overview

- Transformation Garden & Exhibit Space
- Supports Child & Adult Education Programs
- Incorporated Stakeholder Input
 - Board & Committee Recommendation
 - Management Review
 - Water Conservation Educators
 - Conservation and Water Resources Staff
 - Engineering Staff
 - Facility Staff







Design Concept

- Organic Flow & Immersive Experience
- Additional Greenspace and Education Exhibits
- Multi-Purpose Outdoor Classrooms & Meeting Spaces
- Shade Coverage for Exhibits and Yearlong Accessibility
- Demonstration Gardens (CA Native and Desert)
- High-Efficiency Irrigation Upgrades
- Stormwater Drainage & Collection
- ADA/CBC Compliant

Education Exhibits



Completed Exhibit Design

State Water Project "Where Your Water Comes From"



Proposed Exhibit Design

SCV Watershed & Aquifers



Design Concept

- 360° View of SCV Watershed
- Model Topography & Community
- Demonstration of Alluvium & Saugus Aquifers
- Supports Flow (Global, Statewide, Local Water Components)
- Provides Design Symmetry
- Supports & Enhances Curriculum

Project Schedule & Next Steps



Project Schedule & Next Steps

- FinalizeSiteDesign
- Finalize Exhibit Design

- Board Approval
- StartProject
- GrantScan

- Project Finishing
- Gap Analysis
- CGEE Launch

Q3 > Q4 > Q1 > Q2 > Q3 > Q4

- Update Site Design
- Start Local Watershed Exhibit

- Request for Proposals
- RFP Selection
- Grant Scan

- Finalize Construction
- ProjectFinishing
- Testing & Training

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