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SELMA RECEIVES \$4,416,000 IN PROPOSITION 68 CALIFORNIA PARKS & WATER BOND 2018 GRANT FOR NEW PARK

The City of Selma is excited to announce that through the Proposition 68 State of California Parks & Water Bond 2018, a grant of \$4,416,000.00 has been awarded to the City for a new park near Rockwell Pond.

Shafer Park was the last park constructed in Selma in the mid 1980's. Selma Mayor Louis Franco stated, "This is great news for the City and community of Selma. These funds will help us provide much-needed green space for our community."

Mikal Kirchner, Recreation and Community Services Director stated, "This is great news for Selma as we have been working hard to add park and open space to the Community. I want to thank everyone who supported the grant and all the residents who attended the Community Forums and provided input that was necessary and valuable to include within our application. Also, a thank you to Richard Harmon of Townsend Affairs, Inc. for all his assistance in grant writing."

Proposition 68 was a bond act approved by the voters in 2018 and the State received 478 applications requesting \$2.3 billion for the available \$254.9 million in this round. The City will be acquiring a 28-acre parcel to construct new playground equipment, water play park, a walking trail throughout the park, two basketball courts, an open space area, two picnic shelters, restrooms, park access driveway, parking lot, and lighting and landscaping throughout the park. Selma is very fortunate to have received this funding and will keep the Community updated as more information is received.

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**ROCKWELL POND
PARK PROJECT**

