

**Large Fee Collecting Park
Review of Line Item Construction Projects**

REGION: Pacific West	RD Signature/Date	
PARK: DEVA	Park Superintendent/Date Mike Reynolds <i>Mike Reynolds 2/27/17</i>	
PMIS # 238033	CIS 667	Project Amount \$5,268,715 (in 2017)

Project Name Relocate and Replace Scotty's Castle Museum Collection Building

Line Item Construction (LIC) Funds have been dramatically reduced. The NPS requires that high priority projects be considered for other possible fund sources before using LIC funds for capital investment projects. All LIC funding requests from large fee collecting parks must answer the following questions for each project submitted in the FY 2015-19 SCC. These answers must be certified by Park Superintendent and Regional Director.

1	Is this project eligible for 80% FLREA and/or Concessions Franchise Fee funding?	Yes FLREA	No CFF
If Yes, how much of this fund source can be contributed to the project?		\$0	

Comments:
This project would qualify for 80% Rec Fee because of providing visitor and researcher access to the collection, which is currently not possible in the off site locations.

2	Are other facility projects shown on your RecFee or Concessions Franchise Fee Comprehensive Plans? If yes, provide PMIS # and amount and CIS score for any projects > \$1 million.
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PMIS #	CIS	Project Name
227679	429	Restore Flood Damaged Features in Scotty's Castle Historic District
227682	889	Reconstruct Flood Protection Structures at Scotty's Castle

3	Why are these projects higher priority for RecFee or Concessions Franchise Fee funding?
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PMIS #	CIS	Comments
227679	429	DEVA's priority is funding flood recovery – see below.
227682	889	DEVA's priority is funding flood recovery – see below.

4	Have you evaluated other RecFee or Concessions Franchise Fee projects to determine if they are higher priority than this potential LIC project?	YES	No
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5	Why did you choose not to fund or cost share this project from RecFee or Concessions Franchise Fees?
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Death Valley's top priority for FLREA funding is repairing facilities at Scotty's Castle that were damaged or destroyed by a flash flood in October 2015. This commitment was formalized in May 2016 by a memo signed by William Shaddox, Lena McDowall and Laura Joss. The park spent \$2.8 million in FLREA funds on flood repairs in 2016, and plans to spend \$2.5 million in 2017, \$2.9 million in 2018, and \$1.1 million in 2019. This project is part of flood recovery, but the park's Rec Fee funds are already fully committed until FY20 with flood projects that have a higher direct visitor benefit. In FY20, the park will start funding high priority projects that have been delayed since the FY16 flood.

Death Valley's annual gross Rec Fee revenue is \$3.8 million. It would take two years of the park's 80% Rec Fee revenue to be able to fund a project of this magnitude.

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Pacific West Region

From: Chief Financial Officer *Lena Marshall*

Subject: Approval of Advance of 100 Percent of Full-Year Estimated Recreation Fee Revenues for Death Valley National Park, and Terms and Conditions of Advance

The purpose of this memorandum is to approve the request for Death Valley National Park (DEVA) to retain 100 percent of Recreation Fee Revenues for use in accomplishing Scotty's Castle flood recovery projects, as well as cost collection and certain critical park project needs, as identified in the DEVA flood recovery funding request briefing statement dated April 5, 2016. In addition, this memorandum approves the request for the advance of estimated full-year Recreation Fee Revenues in the fiscal year (FY) these funds will be collected.

DEVA is approved to retain 100 percent of Recreation Fee Revenues for use in accomplishing Scotty's Castle flood recovery projects, as well as cost collection and certain critical park project needs. These needs were identified as follows in the DEVA flood recovery funding request briefing statement dated April 5, 2016:

	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
Cost of Collections	766,200	827,457	827,457	827,457
Critical Park Needs	714,484	386,739	363,627	342,960
Flood Recovery	4,719,659	2,318,573	5,685,162	259,084

The retention of 100 percent of Recreation Fee Revenues is approved through FY 2019, however, progress toward flood recovery and ongoing needs for flood recovery project funding for Scotty's Castle will be evaluated on a yearly basis. Upon signature of this memorandum, 100 percent retention will begin and a true-up for funds already allocated at the lower retention rate will be processed. Since DEVA is expected to obligate the advanced funding, there will be no change to the 35 percent calendar year-end balance target.

In FY 2016 through FY 2019, WASO Budget will provide advance funds up to the full-year estimated revenue amount of \$2,800,000 upon request of the PWR Budget Office. Allocations will be made to DEVA on a monthly basis until a request for advance is received. Repayment of advances will be processed monthly by WASO Budget as Recreation Fee funds are allocated to PWR. If advances and other funds allocated to DEVA exceed the collections to that point in the fiscal year, no funding will be allocated to DEVA for that month. After repayment of the

advance for the year is complete, allocations to DEVA will resume on a monthly basis. If full-year revenue does not total the estimated amount, and these funds have already been received in advance, then any year-end carryover balances will be adjusted to withdraw advanced funds that exceed actual full-year revenues.

Please contact John Spernoga, Chief of Budget Execution, at 202-208-4244 if you have any additional questions.

Please indicate your concurrence by signing below.

Mike Reynolds, Superintendent, Death Valley National Park Date

Laura Joss, Pacific West Regional Director Date

Lena McDowall

5/17/16

Lena McDowall, Chief Financial Officer Date

William B. Shaddox

05/20/16

William B. Shaddox, Acting Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands Date