

Motion by Director Molina

Last month the Board was asked to approve a budget increase for improvements at Division 7 after the funds had already been expended. To further exacerbate the problem, the one unfunded portion of the scope of work was a sound wall that from the community's perspective was the most important element. Consequently, the Board had little choice but to approve the budget increase and was unable to explore other options, such as eliminating items from the approved scope of work. The Board should never be placed in such a situation.

I, therefore, move that the CEO report back to the Board with a policy that:

- 1) Establishes guidelines for setting an appropriate contingency for every project
- 2) Prohibits staff from exceeding the life of project budget without prior Board approval.
- 3) Requires that when requesting an increase to the life of project budget that staff provide realistic alternatives to increasing the budget.