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# **Request to Authorize Recreational Uses of Rosemont Reservoir**

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# Background

- Broadmoor Hotel Water and Power Company developed the site in the 1920's
- Utilities acquired the property in 1973 for use as part of the water system
- Since 2007 CPW has leased the site to manage as a state wildlife area
  - Fishing
  - Habitat management
  - Trash clean-up
  - Parking lot; bathroom



# Expanded Recreation at Rosemont Reservoir

- Proposed Expanded Recreation
  - Camping
  - Campfires at designated sites
  - Hand-launched non-motorized watercraft (kayaks, paddleboards)
- Protect Utilities Infrastructure
  - Limit public access to dam and other infrastructure (e.g., flumes, buildings)
  - Protect watershed values including water quality and wildfire risk through full-time onsite management
- City Code § 12.4.804
  - City Council may allow watershed areas and reservoirs of the City to be used for public recreational purposes



# Next Steps

- Recommend motion to approve Resolution



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