

Eliza Springs and Sunken Garden

Joint Committee of PARB and Environmental Board

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Eliza Springs

- Concrete amphitheater was constructed in early 20th century
- State Antiquities Landmark & National Register of Historic Places
- 2017 WPD daylighting project improved salamander habitat, but did not address historic structure
- Project will include:
 - Phase I—Assessment and Design (Late 2018 at earliest, pending funding)
 - Conditions assessment and structural analysis
 - Determination of treatment/approach and associated cost
 - Feasibility of modifying concrete floor to improve salamander habitat
 - Design of overlook into the amphitheater and landscape buffer
 - Interpretive Plan
 - Phase II: Construction (2020 at the earliest, pending funding)



Sunken Gardens

- Series of stone masonry circular terraces and walls constructed in 1937 by the National Youth Administration around
- National Register of Historic Places
- Project will include:
 - Phase I—Design through 30% with cost estimates (Fall 2019 at earliest, pending funding)
 - Reference 2013 Preliminary Engineering Report “Sunken Gardens Improvements Phase I”
 - Rehabilitation and reconstruction of historic masonry walls
 - Salamander habitat improvements through:
 - Potential modifications to spring channel opening
 - Stabilization of channel banks
 - Potential slow in velocity in spring channel
 - Interpretive plan
 - Phase II: Construction (2021 at the earliest, pending funding)



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