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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELDS (PRJ21033) PROJECT AND MAR VISTA RECREATION CENTER – SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD REPLACEMENT (PRJ21034) PROJECT – LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER WATER CONSERVATION REBATE – ASSIGNMENT OF FUNDS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

 AP Diaz _____	V. Israel _____
*R. Barajas  _____	K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____	N. Williams _____


General Manager

Approved ✓ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve two proposed synthetic turf replacement projects: Griffith Park – Synthetic Soccer Fields (PRJ21033) Project and Mar Vista Recreation Center – Synthetic Soccer Field Replacement (PRJ21034) Project;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$987,840.00) from Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89709H-WC Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Water Conservation, to Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89270K sub account to be determined General Capital, and to approve, encumber, and pay Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$987,840.00), under the awarding authority of this Report, for the Griffith Park – Synthetic Soccer Fields (PRJ21033) Project;
3. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Eight Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$854,160.00) from Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89709H-WC Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Water Conservation, to Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89270K sub-account to be determined General Capital, and to approve, encumber, and pay Eight Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$854,160.00), under the awarding authority of this Report, for the Mar Vista Recreation Center – Synthetic Soccer Field Replacement (PRJ21034) Project;

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4. Authorize the General Manager or his designee to make technical corrections as necessary to those transactions included in this Report to carry out the intent of the transfer as stated in the Summary of this Report;
5. Award Griffith Park – Synthetic Soccer Fields (PRJ21033) Project, in the amount of \$823,200.00, and Mar Vista Recreation Center – Synthetic Soccer Field Replacement (PRJ21034) Project, in the amount of \$711,800.00, to the low bidder, Byrom-Davey, Inc., under Contract No. 3545 for As-Needed All-Weather Turf Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance and/or Repairs;
6. Find that the proposed Griffith Park – Synthetic Soccer Fields (PRJ21033) Project (CD4), and Mar Vista Recreation Center – Synthetic Soccer Field Replacement (PRJ21034) Project (CD11) are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption for each project; and,
7. Authorize the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare two checks to the Los Angeles County Clerk, each in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), for the purpose of filing the two Notices of Exemption.

SUMMARY

In an effort to conserve water, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) offers rebate incentives to their customers when they replace turf grass with synthetic turf.

RAP applied for and received rebates from the LADWP's Commercial Turf Removal Program for twenty-four (24) completed synthetic turf installations on park property that replaced 1,525,000 square feet of turf grass with synthetic turf. The rebate funds received, \$2,207,671.25, were placed in Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89709H-WC Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Water Conservation. Participating in this water conservation incentive rebate program enables RAP to refurbish existing synthetic turf fields in need of replacement.

The synthetic soccer fields at Griffith Park in Council District (CD) 4, and Mar Vista Recreation Center in CD 11 were both originally constructed in 2005. Due to age and deteriorating condition, the existing soccer fields at Griffith Park and Mar Vista Recreation Center are in great need of replacement. The scope of work is to demolish and remove the existing failing synthetic turf materials and replace it with RAP's newly upgraded specifications for synthetic turf, which should provide a much longer lifespan for use.

RAP staff put these two projects out to bid utilizing RAP's As-Needed All Weather Turf Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance, and/or Repairs contracts. The recommended account transfer amounts reflect the low bids received plus Twenty Percent (20%) construction contingency.

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OUTREACH

Management has deemed these projects to be essential to maintain the viability of these soccer fields for the use of the community. In part, these projects are in response to community requests.

TREES AND SHADE

These synthetic turf replacement projects do not alter the existing tree and shade conditions at either park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

RAP Environmental Staff has determined that the proposed use of the LADWP rebate funds at Griffith Park and Mar Vista Recreation Center will involve the replacement of existing synthetic soccer fields at these facilities where the new fields will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. Therefore, these projects are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of the City CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff has also determined that the application of this categorical exemption is not barred by any of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The transfer of these funds will have no fiscal impact on the RAP's General Fund.

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