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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-153

DATE July 8, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION
& PARK COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: 50 PARKS INITIATIVE – VIA DOLCE PARK (PRJ20463) PROJECT – PROPOSITION A PER PARCEL FUNDS – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

R. Adams _____
R. Barajas _____
H. Fujita _____

V. Israel _____
K. Regan _____
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General Manager

Approved ✓

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) submission of a Proposition A Per Parcel Funds grant application for the Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project, which consists of the design and construction of a .147 acre (6,400 sq. ft.) park adjacent to the Grand Canal in Marina Del Rey;
2. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project;
3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Resolution, which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Proposition A Per Parcel Funds grant in the amount of \$204,660.33 from the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles in partnership with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project;
4. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Proposition A Youth Employment Plan (YEP), relative to the Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project;

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5. Approve the allocation of \$100,000.00 in RAP Special Funds from Capital Parks Development B Account No. 89270K-CG for the Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project;
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition A Per Parcel Funds grant in the amount of \$204,660.33 for the Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project;
7. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution and YEP to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A grant guidelines;
8. Approve the scope of the Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
9. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
10. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) requests authorization to submit a grant application for Proposition A Per Parcel funds in the amount of \$204,660.33, which became available as a result of remaining funds from the completed Proposition A Venice Boulevard Median Park project, for the proposed Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project, which is located at 3503 Via Dolce, Marina Del Rey, California 90292 (Assessor Parcel Number 4225-013-901).

In January 1999, the City of Los Angeles Public Works Bureau of Engineering (BOE) was awarded a Proposition A grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the Venice Boulevard Median Park project, which consisted of park design and construction on a Venice Boulevard median near the Venice Branch Library, including median and parkway landscaping from Lincoln Boulevard to Pacific Avenue. The Proposition A Venice Boulevard Median Park project was completed in April 2003, under budget by \$204,660.33. Since that time, these funds have remained unspent.

On May 20, 2009, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners authorized RAP staff to request the assistance of the Department of General Services (GSD) to complete a non-financial transfer of jurisdiction of the Via Dolce, a city-owned, surplus property (Report No. 09-125).

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GSD transferred jurisdiction of the Via Dolce property site to RAP (CF No. 07-0439-S1) and later designated the site as a 50 Parks Initiative site. In keeping with the goal of the 50 Parks Initiative to increase the number of parks in densely populated communities, Council District 11 recommended allocating the Proposition A residual funds to the development of the Via Dolce Park, which is currently a vacant, undeveloped parcel.

Upon approval of the Proposition A funding allocation, total funding for the Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project will be \$304,660.33, which consists of the proposed \$204,660.33 in Proposition A funds and proposed \$100,000.00 in RAP Capital Park Development Account funds. The Via Dolce Park (PRJ20463) project will consist of the design and construction of a .147 acre (6,400 sq. ft.) park adjacent to the Grand Canal in Marina Del Rey and is estimated to cost \$304,660.33. Using a City approved/contracted vendor and project management by BOE's Architectural Division, the project is scheduled to be completed by June 2017.

Upon completion, Via Dolce Park will provide a new neighborhood park in the Grand Canal area of Marina Del Rey where City residents do not have sufficient access to improved green spaces or neighborhood parks. An estimated 3,935 residents live within one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of the proposed Via Dolce Park as shown in Attachment 3. Of those 3,935 residents, 63 residents currently do not have access to improved green spaces or neighborhood parks within one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of their homes.

In accordance with the Proposition A grant guidelines, the Youth Employment Plan (YEP) indicates whether or not at-risk youth (ages 14-24) were considered for hire and whether or not at-risk youth will be employed in the development of the proposed project. The YEP and authorizing Resolution are submitted for approval. With its analysis of the activities necessary for the development of this project, staff has determined that due to the nature of the scope of work for this project, there are no tasks that can be performed by at-risk youth; therefore, no at-risk youth will be hired for this project. When practical, RAP has employed at-risk youth to assist with the completion of various capital projects. The County has confirmed that RAP has met its Youth Employment Goal of \$12,188,486.00 through the employment of at-risk Youth with a total of \$15,628,838.00 paid in labor wages.

Staff has determined that the proposed grant funding is for the implementation of this project that was previously approved for conceptual development and evaluated under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Report No. 09-125). The project was determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA (Class 3(6)) of the City CEQA Guidelines and Section 15325 of the State CEQA Guidelines for acquisition of land for future park development with a limited number of new park amenities. The scope of the project and the environmental site conditions have not substantially changed since the previous approval that would result in any significant environmental effects. Therefore, the existing CEQA exemption is still valid and no additional documentation or compliance is required.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

It is anticipated that the development of the proposed project will be supplemented with RAP Capital Park Development B Account funds in the amount of \$100,000.00. With regard to maintenance costs, West Region staff estimate that annual maintenance costs will be \$17,000.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PER PARCEL FUNDS AND
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR THE
VIA DOLCE PARK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which, among other uses, provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development of facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Los Angeles to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Per Parcel Funds for the above project;
2. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles understands both the assurances and certification requirements in the application form;
3. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity;
4. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles will sign and return within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and

6. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____

**City of Los Angeles
Via Dolce Park Project
Grant No. (TBD)**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Background:

The City of Los Angeles is using up to \$204,660.33 in Proposition A Per Parcel Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions for the project.

The proposed project will consist of the design and construction of a .147 acre (6,400 sq. ft.) park adjacent to the Grand Canal.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:

None.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment:

Total estimated hours of youth employment on the project: **None.**

Estimated cost per hour: **None.**

Total estimated cost of youth employment: **None.**

Method of Youth Employment:

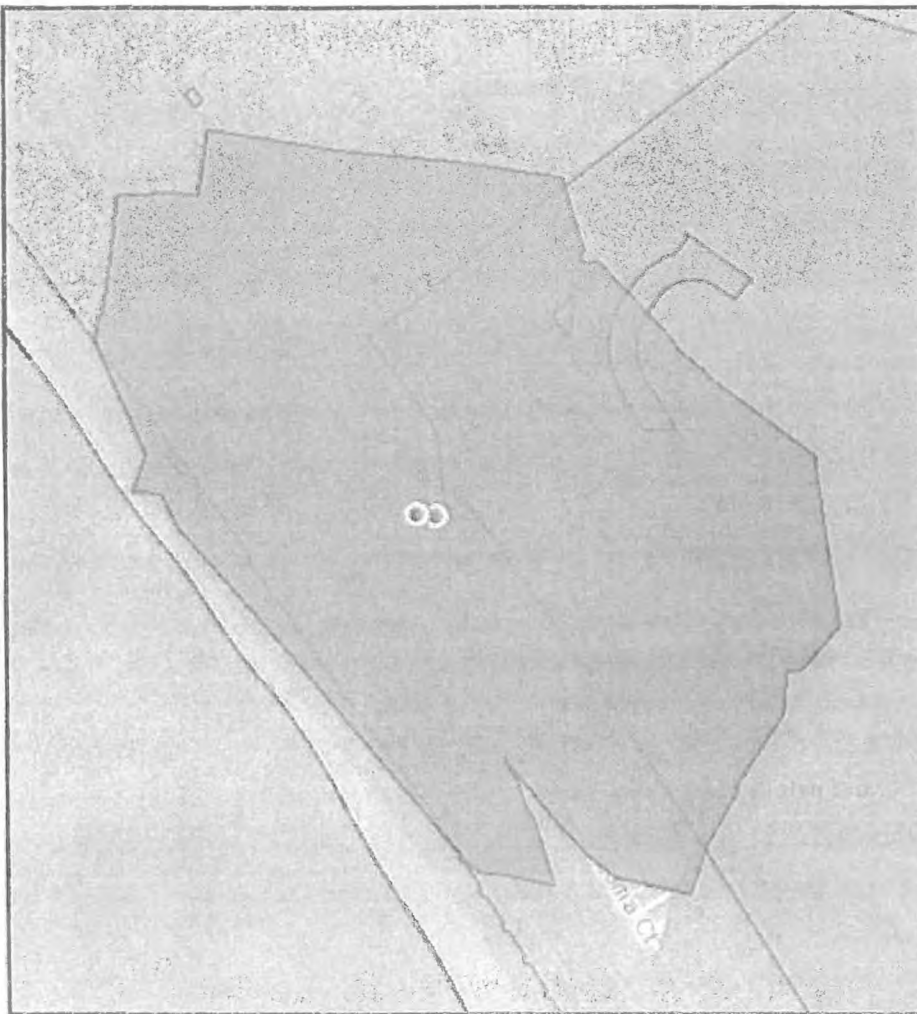
Due to the nature of the project and requirement of skilled labor, the City of Los Angeles will not be able to employ local at-risk youth (Ages 14-24) on the project.

Youth Employment Goal:

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Proposition A Youth Employment Goal (YEG) of the City of Los Angeles is \$12,188,486.00 (equal to fifty percent of the City of Los Angeles's Maintenance and Servicing funds allocations from the 1992 (A-I) and 1996 (A-II) Propositions). To date, the City has received credit for employing at-risk youth totaling \$15,628,838.00 in youth labor wages paid and has satisfied its Proposition A At-Risk Youth Employment obligation.


**EQUITABLE PARKS & AMENITIES
DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Park Analysis Report


Scenario Information
Scenario Name:

Via Dolce Park

Description:

Opening FY 14/15

Scenario Type:

Unimproved Park Development

Via Dolce Park

Park Class:

Neighborhood

Baseline Dataset*:

All Parks (RAP and Non-RAP)

**The baseline dataset is the existing parks dataset whose service areas are used to calculate the currently non-served metrics given below in blue. These residents and households, which would be served by the proposed park, are not currently served by any existing park in the baseline dataset.*

Population and Age Breakdown

	Total Residents Served:	Currently Non-Served Residents Served:
Residents Served:	3,872	63
Residents Served by Age		
Under Age 5:	126	3
Age 5 to 9:	90	4
Age 10 to 14:	71	1
Age 15 to 17:	37	1
Age 18 to 64:	2,877	32
Age 65 and Over:	671	22

Household and Income Breakdown

	Total Households Served:	Currently Non-Served Households Served:
Households Served:	2,248	32
Households Served by Annual Income		
Under \$25,000:	291	7
\$25,000 to \$34,999:	120	0
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	162	0
\$50,000 to \$74,999:	306	4
\$75,000 and Over:	1,369	21

Source: Census/ACS 2010