DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BUREAU OF SANITATION BOARD REPORT NO. 1 JANUARY 23, 2019 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY of Los Angeles California AND REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL JAN 2 3 2019 AND REFERRED TO THE MAYOR

> Executive Officer Board of Public Works

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# AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT, NEGOTIATE, AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANT AT TAYLOR YARD G2 PROJECT

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve and forward this report with its transmittal, to the Mayor and the City Council, with the recommendations that the City Council, subject to concurrence of the Mayor, authorize the Director of LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) or designee, to accept, negotiate and execute all necessary grant funds the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Cleanup Grant.
- 2. Request the City Council to adopt the Resolution (Transmittal No. 1) authorizing the acceptance of the USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant.

#### TRANSMITTAL

1. Copy of proposed Resolution.

#### DISCUSSION

The USEPA provides grants to assist in sustaining and restoring communities (and the ecological systems that support them) by providing financial assistance to assess, safely cleanup and sustainably reuse contaminated properties. The USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant provides funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. Funding provided through this grant will be used for conducting cleanup activities at Taylor Yard G2 Project (site).

Brownfields are properties whose redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence or the potential presence of hazardous substances or other contaminants. The City of Los Angeles Brownfields Program provides financial and technical assistance for the investigation, remediation, and redevelopment of brownfield sites. Over the past 15 years, the Brownfields Program has obtained over \$60 million in brownfield funding and leveraged over \$500 million in public and private development funds. Brownfield grants are available for all real property, regardless of land use designation, that has been contaminated by hazardous waste, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products.

LASAN's Brownfields Program will apply, accept, negotiate and execute all necessary USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant agreement documents. The site consists of an approximate 42acre, vacant and river-adjacent parcel that will eventually be redeveloped as a public park and BUREAU OF SANITATION BOARD REPORT NO. 1 JANUARY 23, 2019

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green space. It is a City-owned parcel that is located at 2850 Kerr Street in Council District 1. Prior to the City purchasing the site in 2017, the site was owned and operated by Union Pacific that used the site as railroad maintenance and refueling yard. Previous environmental assessments and investigations identified petroleum hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and soil vapor samples and cleanup is needed.

The cost estimate is based on the maximum amount of grant funding an applicant may request per grant cycle.

# PROJECT REVIEW BY DIRECTOR (PRD) APPROVAL

This project received PRD Approval on July 17, 2018 in the amount of \$1,500,000.

## STATEMENT AS TO FUNDING

There is no impact to the General Fund. The total funding for this project is not to exceed \$1,500,000. Front funding in the amount of \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2018-19 will be available in the Integrated Solid Waste Management Fund, Fund No. 556, Appropriation Unit No. 50RMTY. As grant reimbursements are received, they will be used to fund the remaining \$1,000,000 of the project. The Integrated Solid Waste Management Fund front-funding will be reimbursed by the USEPA as grant proceeds are received for the final \$500,000 of invoices. Reimbursements will be deposited into the Integrated Solid Waste Management Fund No. 556, Departmental Revenue Source Code 336104-Other Federal Grants - General.

Funds and Appropriations for future fiscal years are not yet identified and existing appropriations may change based on available cash balances. Therefore, Funds and Appropriations will be determined by the Director of Sanitation or designee.

Funding as of the date of this Board Report has been verified and approved by the Director of Accounting subject to the terms and conditions and cash availability described above.

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Respectfully submitted,

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LISA B. MOWERY, Chief Financial Officer Bureau of Sanitation Date: 1-9-19

APPROVED AS TO FUND

VICTORIA A. SANTIAGO, Director Office of Accounting F556/50/50RMTY \$500,000.00 Date: <u>1-15-19</u>

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