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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 19-039

DATE February 20, 2019

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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – LAKE HOLLYWOOD AND UPPER VISTA OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21233) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING WALKWAYS] CLASS 3(6) [NEW ACCESSORY STRUCTURES], CLASS 4(3) [NEW TREE PLANTING] AND CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(c), 15303(e), 15304(b) AND 15304(f) OF CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz _____

V. Israel _____

for R. Barajas CSP _____

S. Pifa-Cortez _____

H. Fujita _____

N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

With Modification to remove all reference to "fencing" from report

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QZ900160

3. Find that the proposed Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);
4. Authorize the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and,

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- 5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73 acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. Approximately 18,155 residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, and programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Lake Hollywood Park is located at 3160 North Canyon Lake Drive within Griffith Park. This 2.42-acre park has a children's play area, picnic table and open lawn. The Lake Hollywood Upper Vista area is located northeast of the Hollywood Reservoir and adjacent to Mulholland Highway.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project (Project) includes landscaping, irrigation, ~~fencing~~ and other related park improvements along Mulholland Highway. See Attachment 1 for proposed Project concept.

RAP's staff estimates the Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project will cost approximately Two Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)

Council District 4 is in support of the proposed Project and has provided a Letter of Support. See Attachment 2.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project.

These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Park Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Work Order	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	WO# QZ900160	\$200,000.00	100%
Total			\$200,000.00	100%

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project.

The Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project is anticipated to begin construction in March 2019.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Griffith Park – Lake Hollywood and Upper Vista Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21233) Project will include the installation of the following trees:

- 9 Tipuana tipus (15 gallon)
- 11 Schinus molle-California Pepper (15 gallon)
- 53 Agave species (5 gallons)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project consists of minor alterations to existing walkways, of the planting of new trees and of the installation of irrigation lines. As such, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determine that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3); 3(6); 4(3) and 4(12) of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301(c), 15303(e), 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and will be addressed in future budget requests.

This Report was prepared by Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Renderings of Proposed Project
- 2) Letter of Support from Council District 4



LAKE HOLLYWOOD OVERLOOK
(All trees' size are shown at 2/3 mature optimum size)





DAVID E. RYU
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

December 3, 2018

Dear Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

I am writing to you in support of the planting and fencing of the northern vistas of Griffith Park off of Mulholland Highway which will address safety and congestion issues impacting visitors and residents.

In the spring of 2017, my office commissioned Dixon Resources Unlimited (Dixon) to conduct a study of the western portions the Park to identify strategies to improve access, safety, and mobility around the Park and the Hollywood Sign. In the report, Dixon recommended for the small dirt clearings off of Mulholland Highway to be planted to obscure the view of the Hollywood Sign. The view frequently tempts southbound drivers to stop on the curvy, two-lane road to snap a photo, thus creating congestion and unsafe passing. Fencing was also recommended to prevent cars from jumping the curb and parking on the dirt clearings. The Chief Legislative Analyst found this recommendation to be feasible and it was among the 19 strategies derived from the Comprehensive Strategies Report approved by City Council on October 3, 2018.

This is a commonsense solution which will increase safety and relieve congestion, thus creating a better experience for visitors and residents.

Please do not hesitate to follow up should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember, District Four