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BOARD REPORT

NO. 25-122

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SUBJECT: MEASURE A – ACCEPTANCE OF RECOVERY AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR TRAILS, OPEN SPACE, AND RECREATION (RESTORE) PROGRAM FUNDS AND RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT WORK PLANS FOR GEORGE WOLFBERG PARK, WATTLES GARDEN PARK, AND TEMESCAL CANYON PARK RESTORATION PROJECTS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize Department of Recreation Parks (RAP) General Manager or designee to accept grant funding in the amount of \$1,350,000 from County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) for the George Wolfberg Park, Wattles Garden Park, and Temescal Canyon Park Restoration projects (Projects) under the Measure A RESTORE Program, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
2. Retroactively authorize RAP to submit 3 Work Plans for the Projects as detailed in Attachment No. 1 to RPOSD under the Measure A RESTORE Program;
3. Direct RAP as the designated Grant Administrator for the Measure A Grant Program to submit these requests to the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee in accordance with City Council instructions (Council File 18-0611) and to the Mayor and City Council for approval;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager or designee as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all grant documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Measure A RESTORE Program funding for the Projects; and
5. Authorize RAP staff to make necessary technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

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### SUMMARY

On April 10, 2025, RPOSD launched the Measure A RESTORE Program to support wildfire recovery and resilience efforts for parks, trails, and open spaces impacted by the January 2025 wildfires. As part of this initiative, RPOSD announced: (i) \$1,000,000 direct allocation to RAP and (ii) an additional \$350,000 partnership allocation contingent upon RAP's partnering with an eligible nonprofit organization or conservation corps. As for all RESTORE funding, RAP would be the grantee.

To secure such funding under RESTORE guidelines, RAP needed to submit Work Plans and receive RPOSD's Notice(s) to Proceed (NTP) by May 30, 2025 for eligible projects under the \$1,000,000 direct allocation and June 30, 2025 for the \$350,000 partnership allocation.

To secure the \$1,000,000 direct allocation, RAP submitted Work Plans on May 27, 2025 for the restoration of George Wolfberg Park and Wattles Garden Park. As a result, RAP received two NTPs on May 30, 2025 for these projects for a combined total of \$1,000,000.

For the \$350,000 Partnership Allocation, RAP submitted a Work Plan on June 25, 2025 and received a NTP on June 26, 2025 for various restoration work at Temescal Canyon Park in partnership with Los Angeles Conservation Corps.

All three Projects must be complete by the end of December 2025 per the grant guidelines. Attachment No. 1 includes further information about each of these Projects.

Together, these Projects account for the full \$1,350,000 in RESTORE funding allocated to RAP.

### BACKGROUND

In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure A, which provides the City of Los Angeles formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2); competitive grants for capital improvement projects and recreational access programs under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3); Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); and additional competitive grants for Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5) as well as an Implementation, Operations and Oversight Category. Additional annual allocations are available under a Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collection of a parcel tax. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee as the administering entity for Measure A with RAP serving as the Grant Administrator (Council File 18-0611).

In accordance with C.F. 18-0611-S5, RAP executed RPOSD's Annual Allocation Agreement to submit a Work Plan for each project, replacing the traditional grant application. The Work Plan includes the Scope of Work, Deliverables, Timeline, Budget, and other required attachments.

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Once the Work Plan is reviewed and approved by RPOSD staff, a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is issued to begin project implementation.

Through the RESTORE Program, a total of \$4.25 million was allocated countywide in the wake of the January 2025 wildfires through the Measure A Category 4 Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-Use Trails and Accessibility funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Projects are located in George Wolfberg Park, Temescal Canyon Park and Wattles Garden Park. George Wolfberg Park and Temescal Canyon Park were damaged by the Palisades Fire, and Wattles Garden Park was damaged by the Sunset Fire.

On January 7, 2025, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to the Los Angeles County Fires and Windstorm Event. On January 8, 2025, the Governor issued Executive Order N-2-25 and ordered the suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements within the jurisdiction of the boards, departments and offices of CalEPA to the extent necessary for expediting the removal and cleanup of debris from these fires or to address other impacts associated with that debris.

With Executive Order N-4-25, the Governor of California suspended the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and regulations adopted pursuant to that division; and any requirement to obtain a permit under the California Coastal Act (Division 20 of the Public Resources Code, commencing with section 30000), for all projects to repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities substantially damaged or destroyed as a result of this emergency.

As the proposed Projects are located in areas where the state of emergency has been declared, RAP staff recommend that the Board acknowledge Executive Order N-4-25 and take no CEQA action on these Projects.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund in applying for and accepting Measure A RESTORE Program funds. Matching funds are not required.

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### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

Attachment No. 1 – Measure A Project Scopes of Work and Grant Awards

Attachment No. 1 – Measure A Scopes of Work and Grant Awards (RESTORE Program)

| CD | Project Name                     | Project Location                                                                    | Proposed Project Scope                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Measure A Grant Award |
|----|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 11 | George Wolfberg Park Restoration | Approximate Address:<br>15101 Pacific Coast Highway,<br>Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 | Restore portions of George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon damaged by the Palisades Fire. including: Replace the existing burned park fencing; Replace damaged landscaping, planting, and irrigation and other activities as necessary.                                                                                                                             | \$650,000             |
| 4  | Wattles Garden Park Restoration  | 1850 N. Curson Ave.,<br>Los Angeles, CA 90046                                       | Restore Sunset Fire damaged portions of Wattles Garden Park including: Reconstruct the wooden gates and decorative wooden arch gateway; Replace fencing; Restore fire-impacted planting, landscaping, and irrigation; Implement erosion controls to remove debris and mudflow caused by the denuded hillsides from the wildfire; and other activities as necessary. | \$350,000             |
| 11 | Temescal Canyon Park Restoration | 15900 Pacific Coast Hwy.,<br>Pacific Palisades, CA 90272                            | Restore fire damaged areas of Temescal Canyon Park impacted by the Palisades Fire as necessary including: Replace affected landscaping and plantings; Repair and/or replace irrigation systems; Repair trails; Implement erosion control measures; and other activities as necessary.                                                                               | \$350,000             |
|    |                                  |                                                                                     | Total                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$1,350,000           |