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BOARD REPORT

NO. 25-218

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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21907) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES - CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302(c) [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING UTILITY SYSTEMS AND/OR FACILITIES INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF CAPACITY] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2(3) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre _____ M. Rudnick _____
B. Jones _____ for * C. Santo Domingo DF
C. Stoneham _____ N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Griffith Park – Sewer Improvements (PRJ21907) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$89,700.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB;
3. Approve the allocation of \$89,700.00 in Quimby Fees from the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB to the proposed Project;
4. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
5. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Board Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
6. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(c) [Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2(3) of City CEQA Guidelines, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation;

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7. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE; and,
8. Authorize RAP staff 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 Los Feliz/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. 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.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the Griffith Park – Sewer Improvements (PRJ21907) Project involves improvements to the sewer line in the area around the previous location of the Griffith Park pony rides.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, \$89,700.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB and allocated to the proposed Project, which is the total budget including budget contingency. See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project:

On-Call Contract	Contingency Amount
Park Facility Construction	\$17,940.00

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

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-GB	\$89,700.00	100%
Total		\$89,700.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project. See below the anticipated Project schedule:

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Phase	Duration
Predesign	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	December 2025 – January 2026
Construction	February 2026 – June 2026
Post Construction	July 2026 – January 2027

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project has no impact on the existing shade and trees at Griffith Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on November 24, 2025, this site is within the liquefaction zone and within a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM #942), but any work on this sewer line will not increase the risk of liquefaction nor have any significant effect on an historic site. The Project is not within a coastal or methane zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of November 24, 2025, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within or adjacent to the Project site.

Based on this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 2(c) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III Section 1, Class 2(3) of City CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

This Report was prepared by David Lee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.