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## BOARD REPORT

## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: RANCHO CIENEGA PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21612) PROJECT (PROJECT) – COMMITMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL PARK FEES – EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5, SECTION 15061(b)(3) [WHERE IT CAN BE SEEN WITH CERTAINTY THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE ACTIVITY IN QUESTION MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, THE ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO CEQA] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(i) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved X Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Rancho Cienega Park – Playground Replacement Project (PRJ21612) Project (Project), as described in this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers a maximum of \$255,293.83 in Park Fees for the Project;

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>IND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003485
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003212
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003000
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002978
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003978
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003596
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003884
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003788
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003541
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003631
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003585
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003619
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003717
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003779
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003535
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003629

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<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>IND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003733
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP004135
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP004071
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP004110

3. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
5. Find that the proposed action, consisting of an allocation of additional funding for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) of California CEQA guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i) 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;
6. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and
7. Authorize RAP Staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Rancho Cienega Park is located at 5001 Rodeo Road in the West Adams community of the City. This 28.97-acre park provides baseball diamonds, basketball and tennis courts, a recreation center, a skate park, and a swimming pool (Celes King III Pool) for the use of the surrounding community. Due to the features, facilities programs, and services it provides, Rancho Cienega Park meets the standard for a Community Park as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

On July 7, 2022, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the following scope of work (Report No. 22-184):

- The construction of a new playground in the location of the old pool building;
- The installation of a shade structure; and
- The installation of related amenities.

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RAP staff has determined that additional funding is required to complete the following scope of work, detailed below:

- Install new concrete paving;
- Install new planting;
- Install new 4-foot-high fencing;
- Install a new irrigation system; and
- Install new site amenities.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the commitment of \$1,505,048.31 in Park Fees for the Playground Replacement Project (Report No. 22-184). Upon approval of this Report, an additional \$255,293.83 in Park Fees can be committed to the Project. The total amount of funding available for the Project is \$1,760,342.14 which is the total budget including the budget contingency amount set forth below.

See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project:

<b>On-Call Contract</b>	<b>Contingency Amount</b>
Park Facility Construction	\$50,000.00
Playground Construction	\$150,000.00

These Park Fees were collected within five miles Rancho Cienega Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of the Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

### FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$1,718,372.09	98%
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$41,970.05	2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,760,342.14</b>	<b>100%</b>

### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the proposed Project.

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Predesign	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	December 2024 – June 2025
Construction	July 2025 – January 2026
Post Construction	February 2026 – July 2026

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### TREES AND SHADE

This Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Rancho Cienega Park.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

RAP staff found that the Board certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Rancho Cienega Celes King III Pool Demolition Project (FEIR-SCH No. 2018061048) on February 6, 2020 (Board Report 20-025), and adopted Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), all of which are on file in the Board Office. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on February 13, 2020.

The proposed Project, which includes the construction of a new concrete paving, new planting, a fence, irrigation system and new site amenities, is included in the project description of the Rancho Cienega Celes King III Pool Demolition Project EIR.

Section 21166 of California Public Resources Code (PRC) and Section 15162 of California CEQA Guidelines state that unless one or more of the following events occur, no subsequent or supplemental environmental report is required by the lead agency or by any responsible agency:

- (1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- (2) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken that will require major revisions in the EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- (3) New information of substantial importance Which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
  - (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;
  - (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
  - (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or

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(D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment

RAP staff found that:

1. The proposed Project will not involve substantial changes in the project scope requiring major revisions in the previous FEIR due new-significant environmental effects, or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. The circumstances under which the Project is undertaken will not require revisions of the previous FEIR due new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
3. There is no new information of substantial importance showing new significant environmental effects not discussed in the previous FEIR, or an increase in the severity of previously examined significant effects;
4. There are no mitigation measures or alternatives to the project considerably different from those analyzed in the previous IS/MND that would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but not adopted with the previous EIR.

The Board is also asked to provide additional funding for the project, without changing its size and characteristic, an activity that would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Based on these findings, RAP Staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project (PRJ 21612) was adequately assessed in the previously certified EIR, Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations and accompanying mitigation measures and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the EIR (SCH No. 2018061048), that no subsequent EIR, Negative Declaration, or further addendum or other CEQA analysis is required for approval of the Project, and that the act of allocating more funding to the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i) 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 commitment of Park 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 Park Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and will be addressed in future budget requests.

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