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June 23, 2025  
**BOARD OF RECREATION  
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 25-106

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SUBJECT: ELYSIAN PARK – WATER LINE AND BOOSTER PUMP (PRJ21852) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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C. Stoneham \_\_\_\_\_ N. Williams \_\_\_\_\_



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General Manager

Approved X Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Elysian Park – Water Line and Booster Pump (PRJ21852) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize RAP staff to commit from the following fund and work order number a maximum of \$300,000.00 in Park Fees for the proposed Project;

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002893

3. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. 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;
5. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose

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and capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP 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 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
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Elysian Park is located at 929 Academy Road in the Elysian Park community of the City. Elysian Park is a 544.71-acre facility which provides open space and picnic areas, hiking trails, ball diamonds, children's play areas, a disc golf course, and tennis courts for the use of the surrounding community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features it provides, Elysian 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 Project involves the installation of a new pump motor and a new water line under Stadium Way that feeds the Elysian Park water tank.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, \$300,000.00 in Park Fees can be committed 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:

<b>On-Call Contract</b>	<b>Contingency Amount</b>
Park Facilities Construction	\$49,000.00

The Park Fees were collected within ten miles of Elysian Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for regional 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	\$300,000.00	100%
<b>Total</b>		\$300,000.00	100%

### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

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See below the anticipated Project schedule:

Phase	Duration
Predesign	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	February 2025 – June 2025
Construction	July 2025 – October 2025
Postconstruction	November 2025 – May 2026

### TREES AND SHADE

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

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on May 19, 2025, this site is not within a coastal, methane, liquefaction or historic protection 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 May 19, 2025, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://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. They listed case 19760011 near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). The Regional Water Quality Control Board suspected that the site was the location of an airfield in the 1920s, but the Board closed the case with no further action in 1994, due to a lack of evidence. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within – or adjacent to – the Project site. Survey LA has deemed Elysian Park eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historic Resources. However, the replacement of an existing pump and water line will not have any significant effect on the historic nature of the site.

Based on this information, 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 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 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.

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### 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 maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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