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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 25-200

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – GREEK THEATRE PATRON DECK (PRJ21861) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF GREEK THEATRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUNDS – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(d) [RESTORATION OR REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED OR DAMAGED STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, OR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY] AND 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 HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(4) AND CLASS 2 OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
B. Jones	_____	for* C. Santo Domingo	<u>DF</u>
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Withdrawn _____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 – Greek Theatre Patron Deck (PRJ21861) Project (Project) as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to allocate \$120,000.00 from Fund 57T/89/89MG02, Greek Theatre Capital Improvements, for the Project;
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 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;

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5. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(d) [Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety] and 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 have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) and 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 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, The Greek Theatre, and golf courses, for the local community. The Greek Theatre is located at 2700 North Vermont Avenue within Griffith Park.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the Griffith Park – Greek Theatre Patron Deck (PRJ21861) Project includes the following:

- Demolition of existing stairs serving existing deck
- Construction of new stairs to serve existing deck

The stairs are being replaced to meet ADA and code requirements.

PROJECT FUNDING

The proposed Project is funded by RAP's Greek Theatre Capital Improvements Fund (Report No. 15-123). Upon approval of this Report, \$120,000.00 can be allocated from this fund to the proposed Project.

The total amount of funding available for the Project is \$120,000.00, which is the total budget including budget contingency.

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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	\$20,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Greek Theatre Capital Improvements Fund	57T/89/89MG02	\$120,000.00	100%
Total		\$120,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

See below the anticipated Project schedule:

Phase	Duration
Pre-design	February 2025 – March 2025
Design	March 2025 – September 2025
Bid and Award	September 2025 – December 2025
Construction	December 2025 – March 2026
Post Construction	March 2026 – September 2026

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 rehabilitation of deteriorated structures to meet current standards of public health and safety and 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 September 30, 2025, this site is not within a coastal or methane zone. It is located in the liquefaction zone, but the replacement of existing stairs is not going to increase the risk of liquefaction. Therefore, 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 September 30, 2025, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

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(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. The proposed Project is located in Griffith Park, a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM #942), and the Greek Theatre is one of the contributing elements to the historic nature of the park, but the reconstruction in kind of an existing stairway will not have any significant effect on its historic nature

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 15301(d) and Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III Section 1, Class 1(4) and 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.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this Report 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 the Greek Theatre Capital Improvements Fund 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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