

BOARD REPORTNO. 26-020DATE February 05, 2026C.D. 10**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT: RANCHO CIENEGA PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21612) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL PARK FEES – EXEMPT 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 AS WELL AS ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(i) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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



General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Rancho Cienega Park– Playground Replacement (PRJ21612) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the fund and work order numbers a maximum of \$25,223.00 in Park Fees for Project;

FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000134
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000271
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000574
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000005
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM160380
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM162816
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073849
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000008
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000168
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000133
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000104

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FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000204
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000140
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073424
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074001

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 exempt 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 as well as 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 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

Rancho Cienega Park is located at 5001 Rodeo Road in the West Adams community of the City. This 28.97-acre park provides ball 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 facilities, features, 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

Previously, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the following scope of work (Report Nos. 22-184 and 25-078):

- The construction of a new playground in the location of the old pool building;
- The installation of a shade structure;
- The installation of related amenities;
- Install new concrete paving;
- Install new planting;

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

RAP staff has determined that additional funding is required to complete the previously approved scope of work.

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board approved scope of work and total budget of \$1,760,342.14 for the Rancho Cienega Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21612) Project, as further described in Report No. 25-078.

Upon approval of this Report, an additional \$25,223.00 in Park Fees can be committed to the Project.

The total amount of funding available for the Project including the supplemental Park Fees is \$1,785,565.14, which is the total budget of the Project inclusive of 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:

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

These Park Fees were collected within five miles of 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

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$1,730,223.14	97%
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$55,342.00	3%
Total		\$1,785,565.14	100%

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

Phase	Duration
Pre-design	March 2024 – June 2024
Design	June 2024 – November 2024
Bid and Award	November 2024 – January 2025
Construction	February 2025 – March 2026
Post-Construction	March 2026 – September 2026

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees. The Project will include an added shade structure 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 playground, the installation of a shade structure, 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 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; or
- (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

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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
- (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; and
- (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 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 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 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.

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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 park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund. A request for funding will need to be submitted in future RAP annual budget requests for the maintenance of the new playground.

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