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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 06-169

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SUBJECT: FERRARO SOCCER FIELDS PHASE II – IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING ATHLETIC FIELD (W.O. #E170375F) – CONSIDERATION OF INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, THE BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Review, consider and adopt the Initial Study (IS) and Negative Declaration (ND) for the Ferraro Soccer Fields Phase II Improvement Project, finding that on the basis of the whole record, including the IS/ND and all comments received, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, and that all potentially significant environmental effects of the project have been properly disclosed and evaluated in the IS/ND in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and City CEQA Guidelines and reflects the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks' independent judgment and analysis;
2. Direct staff to file a Notice of Determination be filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk within 5 days of Board's adoption;

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3. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), the Department of General Services (GSD), and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), to provide construction services for the Ferraro Soccer Fields Phase II Improvement Project, (W.O. #E170375F), subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
4. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the MOU to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form;
5. Authorize the Department's General Manager to execute the proposed MOU, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,
6. Upon execution of the MOU, direct Department staff to ensure that BOE secures the necessary Council approval to appropriate \$563,500 in construction funds to GSD, prior to the start of construction, from the following funding accounts:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fund/Dept/Acct</u>	<u>Appropriation Amount</u>
Prop K – Yr 9	43K/10/Y399	\$ 563,500

Through GSD Account Y140, to the appropriate GSD account in Fund 100, Dept. 40, as listed below:

1101 – Salaries Hiring Hall	\$200,000
1121 – Salaries Hiring Hall Fringe Benefits Construction	\$ 63,500
3180 – Construction Materials and Supplies	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total:	\$563,500

SUMMARY:

Proposition K is a Los Angeles City approved proposition which assesses owners of residential property \$25,000,000 per year for 30 years to be spent on park improvement projects. One significant condition of this funding requires that money for project construction identified in a particular fiscal year must be encumbered, by way of an executed contract, prior to the end of the fiscal year. The program is in Year 9 (FY 05/06) and the deadline is June 30, 2006. If the funds are not encumbered, they are no longer available after that date.

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The Ferraro Fields Improvement Project is a Prop K Year 9 project that must have funds obligated prior to the end of this fiscal (FY 05/06) year. In addition, staff believes awarding this project to GSD in lieu of conducting a competitive construction bid process is the best option due to the experience GSD has in successfully completing similar Recreation and Parks projects.

The amount of funding in the MOU to start the project is a budgetary figure and is not based upon a cost estimate developed by GSD and may not reflect the total construction cost. Upon receipt of the GSD cost estimate, the BOE may reduce the scope of work and/or increase the construction budget in order for GSD to complete the project based on available fund, LVNOC and Departmental priorities, and minimum Prop. K scope requirements. The minimum required Prop. K scope shall be constructed.

The scope of this project consists of improvements to existing Soccer Field No. 5, including: re-grading; re-seeding; installing new bleachers, scoreboard, and goal posts; new DG walkways for disabled access, constructing a chain link fence around the perimeter, adjusting irrigation, and expanding the existing parking lot by re-paving and re-striping.

There is sufficient Prop. K Year 9 funding in fund/account 43K/10/Y399.

In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Negative Declaration (ND) was prepared based on an Initial Study, which determined that all potentially significant environmental effects will not have a significant impact. The ND was circulated to all interested parties and responsible agencies for a shortened 20-day review and comment period from April 7, 2006 to May 18, 2006. No substantive comments were received on environmental issues. However, all comments have been incorporated into the final ND, copies of which have been provided to the Board for its review and consideration. It was determined that the project, as proposed, will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources or their habitats as defined by Fish and Game Code 711.2.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's budget at this time. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance cost have yet to be determined.

This report was prepared by Gary Lam, Bureau of Engineering and Paul Davis, Department of Recreation and Parks and reviewed by Neil L. Drucker, Program Manager, Bureau of Engineering, Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program and reviewed by Bradley M. Smith, P.E., Chief Deputy City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering.