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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 07-172

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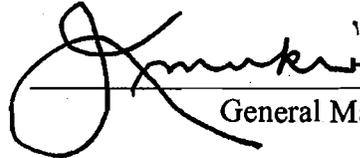
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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K – L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CERTIFYING GENERAL MANAGER AS AUTHORIZED TO OBLIGATE THE DEPARTMENT IN THE SIXTH BIENNIAL PROPOSITION K COMPETITIVE GRANT CYCLE AND SUBMISSION OF AN ADDITIONAL APPLICATION

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt the resolution, on file in the Board Office, authorizing the General Manager to submit an additional grant application and to obligate the grantee and execute all contractual documents required of successful Proposition K grantee agencies for the proposed Trees for LA Kids - Root for Youth project, as detailed in the body of this report, to the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program for the sixth biennial Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program competitive grant process, the deadline of which is July 12, 2007

SUMMARY:

On June 20, 2007, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, through Board Report No. 07-142, adopted a resolution certifying the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) as the person authorized to obligate the Department and execute all contractual documents of the kind required of successful Proposition K grantee agencies and authorized the General Manager to submit 20 grant applications to the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program for the sixth biennial Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program competitive grant process. The 20 capital improvement projects identified by staff were determined in cooperation with the various Council Offices.

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Subsequently, on June 21, 2007, the Mayor's Million Trees LA staff requested the Department to prepare an additional Proposition K grant application entitled Trees for LA Kids - Root for Youth. The deadline for submitting this additional grant application is July 12, 2007.

The scope of this project is to add urban greening and beauty, provide youth opportunity, and reduce pollutants in an effort to encourage communities to come together. This project entails the Department planting 1,000 trees in existing park space and the Bureau of Street Services – Urban Forestry Division (UFD) planting trees along adjacent sidewalk areas. The estimated cost is yet to be determined.

The Department's Planning and Development Division staff, in cooperation with Bureau of Engineering staff, has assessed the proposed project and determined that the subject project meets the criteria for eligible Proposition K projects under the Urban Greening category.

Pursuant to the Proposition K Request for Proposal guidelines, the resolution authorizing the submission of an additional grant proposal and certifying the person authorized to obligate the grantee and execute all contractual documents required of successful Proposition K grantee agencies will be included in the grant proposal.

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, as lead agency for the projects, the Department must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Grant awards will cover Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund for the completion of these projects, however, future operations and maintenance costs after project completion have yet to be fully assessed.

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