

APPROVED
FEB 18 2009

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 09-042

DATE February 18, 2009

BOARD OF RECREATION
and PARK COMMISSIONERS

C.D. Various

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: REALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED RECREATION AND PARKS SPECIAL FUND FROM NORTHRIDGE POOL AND BATHHOUSE REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO ROSS SNYDER SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD REPLACEMENT PROJECT, SEPULVEDA BASIN DODGER DREAM FIELD PROJECT, NEPTUNE SERVICE YARD BUILDING LEAD ABATEMENT PROJECT, AND POOL DRAIN RETROFIT PROGRAM

R. Adams	_____	J. Kolb	_____
H. Fujita	_____	F. Mok	_____
S. Huntley	_____	K. Regan	_____
V. Israel	_____	*M. Shull	<i>M. Shull</i>

[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Direct staff to reallocate the unexpended Recreation and Parks (RAP) Special Fund (originally from Municipal Recreation Program (MRP) Fund) for the Northridge Pool and Bathhouse Replacement project as follows:

From:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fund No./ Department No./ Account No.</u>	<u>Fund Amount</u>
Northridge Pool Replacement and Bathhouse Renovation Project RAP Special Fund	302/89/804M-00	\$480,000

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 2 NO. 09-042

To:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fund No./ Department No./ Account No.</u>	<u>Fund Amount</u>
Ross Snyder Synthetic Soccer Field Replacement Project	302/89/848M	\$200,000
Sepulveda Basin Dodger Dream Field Project	302/89/849M	\$55,000
Neptune Service Yard Building Lead Abatement Project	302/89/850M	\$25,000
Pool Drain Retrofit Program	302/89/851M	\$200,000

2. Authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to make technical corrections, as necessary, to the transactions included in this report.

SUMMARY:

One of the main findings of the “Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Recreation and Parks” by the City Controller, concerned the MRP Fund’s balance and growth over the last few years. The Department’s MRP Funds contained 487 sub-accounts and it was determined by the Financial and Compliance Audit by the City Controller that a portion of the overall MRP Fund balance could be available for one-time use. This Financial and Compliance Audit also determined that best and most critical need for the available balance was the repair of four Department swimming pools. In February 2006, the Mayor directed the Department to reallocate \$5,000,000 from the MRP Fund to cover project shortfalls for the repairs of the four swimming pools. A recommendation was made to transfer funds from these sub-accounts and apply them toward the repair of these four swimming pools and the operational deficits of two of the Department’s pedal boat operations, which was approved by the Board on April 17, 2006 (Board Report No. 06-98). \$480,000 was allocated for the Northridge Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project.

This project was awarded to Morillo Construction, Inc., (Board Report No. 05-302) and Final Acceptance of the project was approved on March 5, 2008 (Board Report No. 08-61). This project was completed under budget with a residual balance of \$1,057, 297.69. One of the residual balances available for reallocation is that which had been transferred from the MRP Fund in the amount of \$480,000.

Staff would like to reallocate the \$480,000 to partially fund the following projects, Ross Snyder Synthetic Soccer Field Replacement Project in the amount of \$200,000, Sepulveda Basin Dodger Dream Field Project in the amount of \$55,000, Neptune Service Yard Building Lead Abatement Project in the amount of \$25,000 and Pool Drain Retrofit Program in the amount of \$200,000.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 3 NO. 09-042

Ross Snyder Synthetic Soccer Field Replacement Project: The existing synthetic field is in need of replacement due to its age and heavy use. The field will be replaced through a partnership agreement with the LA 84 Foundation and Nike USA, Inc. with the City's contribution under the agreement being \$175,000, plus additional costs of environmental monitoring and contingency in the amount of \$25,000 for a total projected cost of \$200,000 to the Department. The details of this agreement are covered in a report being presented to this Board for consideration on today's Special agenda.

Sepulveda Basin Dodger Dream Field Project: The design and construction of this project is proposed to be funded and constructed through the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Friedman Charitable Foundation. The project consists of a new synthetic universally accessible ball field for children with disabilities. The field is proposed to be constructed adjacent to the new universal accessible playground in Beilenson Park located in the Sepulveda Basin. It was agreed that the Department would cover the associated project environmental reports required under the California Environment Quality Act which amounts to an estimated \$55,000. The project is not being submitted for approval at this time. Upon completion of the environmental work which will be accomplished with this funding, staff's recommendations concerning this potential project would be presented to the Board for further consideration.

Neptune Service Yard Building Lead Abatement Project: The project, located at 435 North Neptune Avenue, Wilmington, CA 90744, consists of lead paint abatement from the exterior of the building. Because the paint has become so aged and is peeling, staff is attempting to expedite the removal and repainting of the building to eliminate any unnecessary risk associated with the presence of the lead paint. The complete estimate for this project is unknown at this time but is believed that the cost will be a minimum of \$25,000.

Pool Drain Retrofit Program: On December 19, 2007, the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act was signed into law. The Act requires all public pools and spas to be fitted with certain equipment that is intended to prevent death or injury caused by entrapment, evisceration, or entanglement.

According to the Act, public pools and spas, including those with multiple drains, in the U.S. must be equipped with anti-entrapment drain covers compliant with ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 performance standards. Additionally, the Act requires that all public pools have split (dual) drains or be equipped with a safety vacuum release system or other devices designed to prevent entrapment. The Act required that all pools or spas be retrofitted by December 18, 2008.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 4 NO. 09-042

Although the deadline has passed, my staff has been in communication with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health (County) which is the local agency responsible for enforcement of this act. The Department has been working diligently to obtain a retrofit design solution for the City's pools during this time. On December 17, 2008, the County issued an advisory concerning this Act. As the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health is in the process of developing legislation to incorporate parts of the Virginia Graeme Baker Act into California State Law, the advisory outlined an interim policy. The policy requires all new and existing pools that are resurfaced, renovated, re-plumbed or drained for any reason must comply with the new Act.

This has an immediate impact on thirty-four (34) of the sixty (60) swimming pools operated by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Because these are all seasonal pools and were drained following the end of last summer, they must comply prior to being allowed to re-open for the 2009 summer swim season. It should be noted that eight (8) of the thirty-four (34) pools are on part of the Department's 2009-2010 budget reduction package. These pools currently have severe infrastructure issues which is why they were recommended not to open and therefore will not be brought into compliance until sufficient funds exist to renovate or replace these facilities.

Until recently, there was not an approved drain cover which complied with this Act which prevented us from acting sooner. In addition, due to the fact that more than 68% of the City's pools are more than forty (40) years old, additional retrofitting of the pools drainage infrastructure is needed to allow the approved drain covers to be installed. We have estimated the total retrofit cost to be approximately \$30,000/pool. The requested \$200,000 contained in this report is only a portion of the funding with the balance to come from Quimby. The estimated total to complete the pool drain retrofit program is approximately \$1,400,000. It should be noted that it will be much less expensive to retrofit some of the more recently replaced facilities. We have begun the design and permitting process with the County and will begin construction in mid February and hope there will be minimal impact to 2009 summer swim season. However, due to the age of our pools, it is likely due to an unforeseen condition that some pools may not open for the summer or have a delayed opening.

Staff has determined that each of the projects affected by the reallocation of funds have been either previously cleared under CEQA, are being cleared under a current CEQA review, or are exempt from CEQA. The CEQA status for each of the projects is as follows: Northridge Pool and Bath House Replacement Project has been previously found to be exempt from CEQA with a Notice of Exemption filed in June 2005; Ross Snyder Synthetic Soccer Field Replacement Project is categorically exempt pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) of the City CEQA Guidelines; a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared for the Sepulveda Basin Dodger Dream Field Project with funding approved by this report; the Neptune Service Yard Lead Abatement Project is considered a routine maintenance activity that is defined as a "non-project" and is statutorily exempt under CEQA; and, the Pool Drain Retrofit Program at various pool throughout the City is categorically exempt pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 5 NO. 09-042

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this reallocation request will not have any fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Michael A. Shull, Superintendent, Planning and Development Division, Department of Recreation and Parks.