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SUBJECT: NORTH ATWATER PARK – EXPANSION (W.O. #~~SZW00031~~^{E1907211}) AND CREEK RESTORATION (W.O. #~~E1907211~~^{SZW00031}) PROJECTS – FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

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General Manager

Approved *as amended* _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the final plans and specifications for the North Atwater Park - Expansion (W.O. #~~SZW00031~~^{E1907211}) and Creek Restoration (W.O. #~~E1907211~~^{SZW00031}) projects;
2. Approve the reduction in the value of work that the specifications require to be performed by the Prime Contractor from 50% to 20% of the Base Bid price; and,
3. Approve the date to be advertised for receipt of bids as Tuesday, June ~~22~~²⁹, 2010, at 3:00 P.M. in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

The North Atwater River Park project is a combination of the North Atwater Creek Restoration project and the North Atwater Park Expansion project.

The North Atwater Creek Restoration project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of two Clean Water Act enforcement actions, Santa Monica Baykeeper vs. City of Los Angeles and United States and State of California ex Rel. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region vs. City of Los Angeles. This is a Bureau of Sanitation funded project that is being designed and managed by the Bureau of Engineering.

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This project will construct water quality improvements. It will restore a streambed for capture of storm water runoff and treatment, and provide habitat linkage to the Los Angeles River (River). The project will reconstruct an area along the River in the North Atwater community and restore a creek bed to treat runoff from the North Atwater Creek storm drain. In addition, runoff Best Management Practices will be implemented to minimize bacteria contaminated runoff from adjacent drains from entering the River. This project will directly benefit the North Atwater neighborhood, the East and Northeast Los Angeles communities, which are low income, minority areas.

The North Atwater Park Expansion Project is a result of a California River Parkways Grant (Proposition 50) that was granted to the Bureau of Engineering. The project will provide an approximately three-acre River adjacent open space and connect the existing active recreation North Atwater Park to the River by providing a new, passive recreation park and greenway along the River's edge.

Additional funds were provided by the Integrated Resources Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program funding (Proposition 50 Chapter 8), from the Department of Water Resources. This funding is for addressing water supply, water quality, sanitation, and habitat/open space needs in the region. Other additional funds were provided by the 401 Water Quality Control (WQC) Mitigation for Balboa Boulevard and Victory Boulevard Intersection Mitigation through the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). This funding is provided for streambed restoration planting.

The project has been designed and will be constructed as one total project, including the four funding sources. The Contractor will be required to break down his invoices according to a Schedule of Values that is provided as an exhibit in the Bid Documents.

On April 21, 2010, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) through Board Report No. 10-094 approved a Use Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control district to provide maintenance for the improvements installed in the County easement portion of the project (Board Report No. 10-094). The agreement was approved by the Board on April 21, 2010, and is expected to be executed within 10 days of approval. The executed agreement will then be forwarded to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works to finalize the agreement.

Submitted for the Commission's approval are the final plans and specifications for the North Atwater Park - Expansion (W.O. #~~SZW00031~~^{E1907211}) and Creek Restoration (W.O. #~~E1907211~~^{SZW00031}) projects, located at 3900 West Chevy Chase Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90039, as prepared by the Bureau of Engineering, Architectural Division. The plans call for the construction of a new park and the restoration of an existing degraded remnant seasonal riparian stream tributary to the River, approximately 4.17 acres in size, to provide the following features and amenities:

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1. Structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) elements including reshaping the existing streambed to provide flood protection by slowing down storm flows to the River. Landscaping will include native plants to prevent erosion and decomposed granite walkways to allow public access. This will also include a trash capture device at the beginning of the stream bed, at Chevy Chase Dr. and also at the concrete channel at Verdant Street, along the equestrian arena.
2. Perimeter security gates and fences.
3. Parking lot with permeable pavers in the parking spaces.
4. Benches, trash receptacles, boulder/broken concrete retaining walls and seating areas, interpretive signage, picnic tables, concrete play tunnel, sand play yard and a drinking fountain.
5. Site utilities and service connections, grading, and an on-grade and underground site drainage system.

The policy of this Board has been to require that the prime contractor on construction projects perform a minimum of 50% of the work on the project, as measured by the base bid price. It is proposed to reduce the prime contractor participation requirement from 50% to 20% on this project. This should help attract a broader range of prime contractors, thus, creating a more inviting and competitive bidding environment for this project. Also, changing this requirement should create more competitive pricing among the subcontractors providing bids to the prime contractors.

The City Engineer's estimate for the construction costs of this project is \$4,000,000. Funds are available from the following funding accounts:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Fund/Dept/Acct. No.</u>
Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Settlement Agreement ⁽¹⁾	T.B.D.
Integrated Resource Watershed Management (IRWM) Grant (Proposition 50 Chapter 8) ⁽²⁾	T.B.D
California River Parkways Grant Program (Proposition 50 Chapter 5)	305/50/F220
401 WQC Mitigation for Balboa Blvd and Victory Blvd. Intersection Mitigation through LADOT	100/78/E352

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Notes: ⁽¹⁾ The fund for the SEP will be created for FY 2010/2011 by BOS.

⁽²⁾ The (IRWM) Proposition 50, Chapter 8 will be cash flowed.

\$2,000,000 is anticipated to be reimbursed through a State Proposition 50 grant. The City Council established a revolving cash flow account funded through a loan from the Public Works Trust Fund (CF 09-2535 S1,) to cash flow this State grant. The Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) loan will be repaid upon the completion of all four projects cash flowed through this source and receipt of grant reimbursement. The remaining funding of \$6,296,750 will be provided by Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), Supplemental Environmental Projects, (SEP), IRWM funding cash-flow to be determined by BOS, and LADOT (401 WQC Mitigation) funds.

The Department's environmental staff has determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3, 26), Class 4(4) and Class 11(1, 3, 6) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed with the Los Angeles City and County Clerks on October 13, 2005. The project scope and existing environmental conditions have not substantially changed since the filing of this NOE, and, therefore, the project is still considered exempt and no further CEQA documentation is required.

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the bid packages.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The project will be funded by a combination of the aforementioned funding sources. There is no immediate fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund. However, future operations and maintenance costs will be included in future Department budget requests.

This report was prepared by Renee Curtis, Project Manager, Architectural Division, Bureau of Engineering. Reviewed by Neil Drucker, Program Manager, Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program, Bureau of Engineering; Shahram Kharaghani, Principal Environmental Engineer, Bureau of Sanitation; Deborah Weintraub, Chief Deputy City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering; and, Michael A. Shull, Superintendent, Planning and Construction Division, Department of Recreation and Parks.