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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-207

DATE August 13, 2014

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HANSEN DAM RECREATIONAL AREA – APPROVAL OF NAMING THE CHILDREN’S CAMPGROUND IN HONOR OF OTIS WALLACE

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<i>for</i> *R. Barajas	<i>CSD</i>	K. Regan	_____
H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____

[Signature]
General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Board grant approval to name the children’s campground in the Hansen Dam Recreational Area, as the Otis Wallace Children’s Campground, in honor of Mr. Otis Wallace; and,
2. Authorize the installation of appropriate park signage.

SUMMARY:

Hansen Dam Recreation Area (Hansen Dam) is located at 11770 Foothill Boulevard, in the Lake View Terrace community. This is a 1449.54 acre Regional Park which includes features such as an aquatic center, soccer fields, baseball fields, equestrian center, bicycle path, equestrian trails, golf course, skate park and ranger station among others. The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) has constructed a Children’s Campground which is scheduled to open soon.

Council District 7 has introduced a motion (13-0760) requesting that the Board name the Children’s Campground in honor of Mr. Otis Wallace. Mr. Otis Wallace was a ranch owner who lived near Hansen Dam. For several decades Mr. Otis offered free horse rides to the youth of Los Angeles and eventually partnered with RAP to offer horse riding and care education and experiences as part of the Wonderful Outdoor World program. Mr. Wallace also operated a rental stable and would give tours on horseback through Hansen Dam. His tours often crossed over the new campground that now will offer a camping and outdoor experience to the next generations of urban youth.

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Staff has evaluated the proposed naming and finds it to be in compliance with the Board adopted Policy, Procedures and Guidelines for Parks and Recreational Facilities as there is a direct nexus between the service Mr. Wallace gave to the youth of the City of Los Angeles, the Hansen Dam location and the Wonderful Outdoor World program.

Fabrication and installation of the sign will be the responsibility of the Department.

Council District 7, the Lakeview Terrace Park Advisory Board, the Department management and staff are in support with the recommendations as set forth by RAP.

Staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (1), of the City CEQA guidelines, which provides for placement of signs on park property as accessory structures to recreational facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Fiscal impact to the Department will be approximately \$6,000.00 as this is the typical fabrication cost for a standard park sign. Fabrication cost will be paid from Fund/Department/Account 302/88/3160.

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