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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-133

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SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – OCEAN FRONT WALK – LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) CONVERSION PROGRAM PROJECT; TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING

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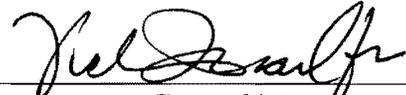
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General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion Program Project, to install outdoor lighting along Venice Beach – Ocean Front Walk, to be performed by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL);
2. Authorize the following transfer of funds from the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to BSL, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council:

From: RAP - Department 88, Fund 302-Account 1010-Salaries, General: \$110,000.00

To: BSL - Department 84, Fund 100 - Account 1010-Salaries, General: \$ 60,000.00  
Department 84, Fund 100 - Account 1090-Salaries, Overtime: \$ 50,000.00

Total: \$110,000.00

3. Authorize RAP to issue a Right of Entry Permit to BSL, authorizing access to park property for the installation of LED outdoor lights along Ocean Front Walk; and

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4. Authorize the General Manager or his designee, to make technical corrections and/or modifications as necessary, to the transactions described in the Summary of this Report, to carry out the intent of the authorized transfer and completion of the Project as stated herein.

SUMMARY:

Venice Beach is located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk in the Venice community. This 178-acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the surrounding community, including basketball, handball, and paddle tennis and volleyball courts. It is also home to the Muscle Beach Venice weight lifting and exercise area, a skate plaza and a graffiti wall. There is also a recreation center, a Los Angeles Police Department Sub-Station, a bike path, many restaurants, retail stores, vendors, service providers and entertainment performers that will benefit from the Project. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Venice Beach meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Staff has determined that the replacement of existing lights along Ocean Front Walk with LED lights through the BSL LED Conversion Program is necessary for anticipated RAP future cost savings (utility charges and maintenance) and will benefit the surrounding community. The cost for the design, development, and installation of the proposed Project is estimated at \$110,000.00 which will be funded by RAP surplus salary savings

LED lights are a form of green technology that is both environmentally responsible and cost effective. The lights will also transform the evening landscape of Ocean Front Walk by making it safer and pedestrian friendly during night hours.

The LED lights reduce energy costs, using less energy than incandescent or fluorescent lighting, saving on related operating expenses. They also reduce maintenance costs because they last longer than incandescent and fluorescent lighting. LED lights are also more durable and will not break as easily as a standard bulb which helps to reduce repair and replacement costs. The maintenance of the proposed improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

With the Board's approval of this report, \$110,000.00 will be transferred from RAP to the BSL for implementation of the LED Street lighting project at Venice Beach - Ocean Front Walk.

The proposed Project consists of the minor alteration of existing outdoor public lighting structures involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The implementation and completion of the proposed Project will initially result in a negative fiscal impact on the RAP General Fund in the estimated amount of \$110,000.00, to be funded through salary savings in Department 88, Fund 302, Account 1010, which currently has sufficient funding to fund the proposed lighting improvements. However, it is anticipated that the completion of the proposed Project will generate energy cost savings and will decrease the level of daily maintenance required at this facility, reducing maintenance costs and potentially allowing RAP to recoup all or a portion of its investment over time.

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