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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-188

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MACARTHUR PARK LAKE – WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (PRJ20879) PROJECT – FINAL PLANS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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General Manager

Approved  \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the final plans and specifications for the MacArthur Park Lake – Water Quality Improvement (PRJ20879) Project; and,
2. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

MacArthur Park is located at 2230 West 6th Street in the Westlake area of the City. This 29.87 acre property includes a children’s play area, synthetic meadow, band shell, lake, walking paths, and picnic areas. Approximately 41,695 City residents live within a one half mile walking distance of MacArthur Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, MacArthur Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

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Working with Council District 1, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) requested the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to develop and prepare a master plan for the park and to evaluate the water quality and provide recommendations for improvements at the park lake, respectively.

BOS, Watershed Protection Division, proposed to evaluate the water quality of the lake by collecting water samples over a one (1) year period. This time frame would allow for data to be available through the four (4) seasons allowing for the variable temperatures experienced by the lake. BOS started the sampling effort in March 2015.

At this time, BOS recommends the first phase of the water quality improvement and water conservation efforts. The scope of work for this phase is the installation of new irrigation pumps and treatment system including the fabrication and installation of a structural metal frame over the wet well adjacent to the fountain pump to support new irrigation pumps; installation of two (2) new irrigation pumps on the metal frame; installation of new pressure media filters and connection to the discharge manifold of the new pumps; installation of new pressure Ultra Violet (UV) disinfection system and connection to the effluent line of media filters; extension of treated water line from UV system to outside the pump house; and construction of new irrigation mainline and connections to existing irrigation system.

The proposed project is to be implemented by BOS, Watershed Protection Division, and constructed using the RAP's on-call Park Facilities Construction contracts.

The Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, is designed to reward local governments for developing new residential housing affordable to low-income households. An application for funds was approved by Report No. 13-313 and Council File No. 14-0996. RAP was awarded RAP \$8,221,950.00 available for the 2013 Program Year. The HRP Program funds may be used for the creation or rehabilitation of park and recreational facilities including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, play areas, non-motorized recreation trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and landscaping.

RAP staff recommends that \$500,000 of the \$2,000,000 from the Proposition 1C HRP Program funds awarded to MacArthur Park be allocated to the MacArthur Park Lake – Water Quality Improvement (PRJ20879) project

Staff has determined that the proposed MacArthur Park Water Quality Improvement (PRJ20879) project will consist of the addition of required environmental protection devices in conjunction with existing structures, facilities or mechanical equipment at MacArthur Park Lake where there will be negligible or no expansion of use, and in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards for the treatment of historic MacArthur Park.. Therefore, the project is categorically

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exempt without exception from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1(a), Class 1(6) and Section 1(c), Class 3(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines, and Section 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exception will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk within five (5) days of project approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The use of the Proposition 1C HRP Program funds will have no fiscal impact on RAP as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Proposition 1C Housing Funds or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

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