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BOARD REPORT

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AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 18-198

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – FERN DELL PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21204) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz

V. Israel

for R. Barajas

CSD

S. Piña-Cortez

H. Fujita

N. Williams

General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the scope of work for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order number, a maximum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM093483
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT067577
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073754
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM151710
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM171388

3. Find that the proposed Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

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4. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a NOE; and,
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73 acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. Approximately 18,155 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, and programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Fern Dell Play Area is located within the Fern Dell/Western Canyon area of Griffith Park.

The Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project includes the demolition and replacement of the existing Fern Dell play area, as well as the renovation of the adjacent restroom building.

RAP's staff estimates the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project will cost approximately Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00)

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project.

The total Park Fee funding available for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project would be Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Park Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Work Order	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	WO# QM093483 WO# QM151710 WO# QM171388 WO# QT067577 WO# QT073754	\$750,000.00	100%
Total			\$750,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project.

The Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project is anticipated to begin construction in November 2018

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this project will have no impact on existing trees or shade in Griffith Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and modifications to existing park facilities involving placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, RAP Staff recommends the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determine the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The authorization of this commitment of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Funds.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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List of Attachments

Existing Play Area and Restrooms

