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SUBJECT: RANCHO CIENEGA PARK – CELES KING III POOL DEMOLITION (PRJ21412) PROJECT – AUTHORIZATION TO DEMOLISH AND APPROVAL OF DEMOLITION PLANS – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CONSIDERATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR), FINDINGS, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND ACCOMPANYING MITIGATION MEASURES AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE RANCHO CIENEGA CELES KING III POOL DEMOLITION PROJECT EIR (SCH NO. 2018061048), STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(i) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND SECTION 21082 OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

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General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the demolition of the existing Celes King III indoor pool structure, demolition of surrounding hardscape, hazardous materials abatement, clearing the site, backfill and fencing at Rancho Cienega Park;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Rancho Cienega Park – Celes King III Pool Demolition (PRJ21412) Project:

| <u>FUNDING SOURCE</u> | <u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u> | <u>WORK ORDER NO.</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QM160380 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QM162816 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QM161497 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QM160680 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QT074641 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QT081333 |

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| <u>FUNDING SOURCE</u> | <u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u> | <u>WORK ORDER NO.</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QT082292 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QT073849 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000005 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000008 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000197 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000134 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000193 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000018 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000116 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000271 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000270 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000574 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000770 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000657 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000592 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000396 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000926 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000563 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000887 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000810 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000848 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000741 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000895 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000912 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000840 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000306 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP000512 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001382 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001447 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001255 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001619 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001012 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001241 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001423 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001207 |

- Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21166, in consideration of the whole of the administrative record, that the Project was adequately assessed in the previously certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations and accompanying mitigation measures and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the EIR (SCH No. 2018061048); and no subsequent

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EIR, Negative Declaration, or further addendum or other CEQA analysis is required for approval of the Project;

4. Find that the proposed action, consisting of an allocation of funding to proceed with the proposed Project, is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code.
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Rancho Cienega Park is located at 5001 Obama Boulevard (formerly Rodeo Road) in the West Adams community of the City. This 28.97-acre park provides a track and field stadium, ball diamonds, basketball and tennis courts, a recreation center, a skate park, and a swimming pool (Celes King III Pool) for the use of the surrounding community. Approximately 10,652 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Rancho Cienega Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Rancho Cienega Park meets the standard for a Community Park; as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

On February 6, 2020, the Board certified the Final EIR for the proposed Project (Report No. 20-025).

The proposed Project, per the Final EIR, includes the demolition of the existing Celes King III indoor pool structure, demolition of surrounding hardscape, hazardous materials abatement, utility upgrades, and installation of landscape, hardscape and a playground.

This Report is requesting the commitment of Park Fees for the demolition of the existing Celes King III indoor pool structure, demolition of surrounding hardscape, hazardous materials abatement, clearing the site, backfill and fencing.

The demolition work is proposed to be performed by RAP's on-call contractor or an on-call demolition contractors on contract with the Department of Public Works, Board of Public Works.

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PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Rancho Cienega Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

| Source | Fund/Dept/Acct | Amount | Percentage |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | \$393,744.17 | 56% |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | \$306,255.83 | 44% |
| Total | | \$700,000.00 | 100% |

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

As discussed in Report No. 20-025, the previously approved Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex Project (formerly known as the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Project) began construction in September 2018 and involves the development of upgraded and expanded facilities at Rancho Cienega Park, including construction of a new indoor pool. The demolition of the Celes King III Pool will begin in December 2020 after the new indoor pool is operational. RAP staff has identified sufficient funding for the proposed Project.

TREES AND SHADE

RAP's Project Manager, Landscape Architect, and RAP Forestry Division have surveyed the trees on the site and determined that of the 178 existing trees, none require removal as part of the proposed Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

RAP staff found that the Board certified the EIR for the demolition of the Celes King III pool (FEIR-SCH No. 2018061048) on February 6, 2020 (Board Report 20-025), and adopted Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), all of which are on file in the Board Office. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on February 13, 2020.

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California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21166 states that unless one or more of the following events occur, no subsequent or supplemental EIR is required by the lead agency or by any responsible agency:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR;
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken that will require major revisions in the EIR; and,
3. Previously unknown new information at the time of the certification of the EIR as complete becomes available.

The proposed action is an allocation of funding to proceed with the proposed Project.

RAP staff found that:

1. The proposed Project will not involve substantial changes in the project scope requiring major revisions in the previous EIR due new-significant environmental effects, or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. The circumstances under which the Project is undertaken will not require revisions of the previous EIR due new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
3. There is no new information of substantial importance showing new significant environmental effects not discussed in the previous EIR, or an increase in the severity of previously examined significant effects;
4. There are no mitigation measures or alternatives to the project considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR that would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but not adopted with the previous EIR.

Based on these findings, RAP Staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project was adequately assessed in the previously certified EIR, Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations and accompanying mitigation measures and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the EIR (SCH No. 2018061048), that no subsequent EIR, Negative Declaration, or further addendum or other CEQA analysis is required for approval of the Project, and the act of allocating more funding to the project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines and to Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The demolition of the Celes King III Pool is anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. However, future operations and maintenance costs for the new pool building will be included in future departmental annual budget requests RAP's General Fund.

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STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

- Goal No. 5:** Ensure an environmentally sustainable park system.
Outcome No. 1: Decrease energy consumption and achieve a smaller carbon footprint
- Result:** The demolition of the energy and maintenance intensive Celes King III Pool structure falls in line with the energy reduction and carbon reduction tenets of Goal No. 5.

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