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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: CHATSWORTH AND DE SOTO POCKET PARK PROJECT – RESCISSION OF PROPOSITION K GRANT AWARD FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PASSIVE POCKET PARK

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) General Manger to request that the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee and the City Council rescind the acquisition and construction of a new passive pocket park project from the Proposition K 8th Cycle competitive grant in the amount of \$1,264,844 awarded to RAP for the Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park (Proposition K Project ID C230-8)(Council File No. 12-1670, June 5, 2013).
2. Direct RAP's General Manager to transmit the request for rescission to the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee for City Council consideration.

SUMMARY

On April 18, 2012, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorized RAP's General Manager to submit grant applications for projects to be funded by the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids 8th Cycle Request for Proposals process, which included the grant application to acquire a parcel totaling approximately 66,426 square feet, or 1.52 acres, and to construct a new passive pocket park on the parcel located at 10650 De Soto Avenue, Chatsworth, 91311 (Property) (Report No. 12-119).

The Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park (Council File No. 12-1670, June 5, 2013) Project (Project) was awarded \$1,264,844 in Proposition K funds (Prop K), to be used for the acquisition and construction of the Project. On August 13, 2014, the Board authorized RAP staff to proceed with the preliminary acquisition activities of the Property and to return to the

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Board with escrow instructions and related documents for final approval to acquire the Property (Report No. 14-210).

Unfortunately, the property was sold to another party, as the owner did not want to wait for the appraisal and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review to be completed by the City of Los Angeles.

Since the Property is no longer available for purchase, RAP staff is requesting the Prop K award of \$1,264,844 be rescinded.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Since the Property was not acquired by the City, CEQA review was not completed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund in connection with the actions taken pursuant to this Report.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Action taken by the Board will not have any impact on the Department's Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

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