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BOARD REPORT

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SEPULVEDA BASIN RECREATION AREA – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21419) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OR MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] AND CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a) AND 15301(c) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21419) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the reallocation of Forty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Two Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$45,802.12) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Anthony C. Beilenson Park – Universally Accessible Playground (PRJ1207L) Project to the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21419) Project;
3. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Forty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Two Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$45,802.12) in Quimby Fees from the Anthony C. Beilenson Park Account No. 89460K-LO to the Sepulveda Basin East Account No. 89460K-SF;
4. Approve the reallocation One Hundred Three Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$103,627.79) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Anthony C. Beilenson Park – Adaptive Ball Field (PRJ20183) Project to the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21419) Project;

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer One Hundred Three Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$103,627.79) in Quimby Fees from the Anthony C. Beilenson Park Account No. 89460K-LO to the Sepulveda Basin East Account No. 89460K-SF;
6. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use] and Class 1(3) [Minor alteration of existing bicycle and pedestrian trails] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines;
7. 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 (NOE); and,
8. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

The Sepulveda Flood Control Basin (Sepulveda Basin), located in the San Fernando Valley is federally-owned property under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (Corps). It encompasses 2,097 acres, of which 1,538.60 acres are leased to RAP for a 75-year term, ending on January 4, 2042 (in accordance with Supplemental Agreement No. 4 executed in 2002) for the development, operation and maintenance of public recreational lands and facilities. Approximately 15,030 City residents live within a half mile (1/2) walking distance of the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed scope of work for the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21419) Project includes bike path, path of travel and fencing improvements throughout the basin area.

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PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, the following Quimby funds can be transferred from the Anthony C. Beilenson Park Account No. 89460K-LO to the Sepulveda Basin East Account No. 89460K-SF and reallocated to the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21419) Project:

- Forty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Two Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$45,802.12) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Anthony C. Beilenson Park – Universally Accessible Playground (PRJ1207L) Project
- One Hundred Three Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy Nine Cents (\$103,627.79) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Anthony C. Beilenson Park – Adaptive Ball Field (PRJ20183) Project

The total amount of funding available for the Project is One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$149,429.91).

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

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-SF	\$149,429.91	100%
Total		\$149,429.91	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in September 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use as well as of minor alteration of existing bicycle and pedestrian trails. As such staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 1(3) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of

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California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby 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 minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

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

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The improvements to the bike path, paths of travel and fencing will increase safety and enhance the park user's experience.

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