

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 22-077

DATE April 7, 2022

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – PADDLE TENNIS AREA IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21495) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<i>DF</i>
J. Kim	_____	N. Williams	_____

  
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 General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Venice Beach – Paddle Tennis Area Improvements (PRJ21495) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers listed in Attachment 1 a maximum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Park Fees for the proposed Project;
3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP’s list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
5. 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 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and

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direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) approval;

- 6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE; and,
- 7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Venice Beach is located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk in the Venice community of the City. This 178-acre facility provides two play areas, benches, fitness area, paddleball courts, basketball courts and restrooms, the Venice Boardwalk and pier for the surrounding community. Approximately 13,233 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Venice Beach Park. Due to the facilities, features, and programs, and services it provides, Venice Beach meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Removal of existing fencing at the paddle tennis area.
- Installation of new fencing at the paddle tennis area.
- Replacement of ten (10) drinking fountains at the paddle tennis area with new hydration stations.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Venice Beach, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park 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
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$196,634.89	40%
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$303,365.11	60%
<b>Total</b>		\$500,000.00	100%

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### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Summer 2022.

### TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Venice Beach.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

This site is within a methane zone and the coastal zone, but the nature of the project is such that it does not impact on a recognized environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, so there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to its location or unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of March 15, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) has not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. Furthermore, the project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Based on this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees for this Project 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 Park Fees or funding sources other than 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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### 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 paddle tennis area at Venice Beach will enhance the park user's experience.

This Report was prepared by Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch.

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1) ATTACHMENT 1 – List of work order numbers for the proposed Project

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FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000009
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM131086
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM133231
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT072727
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000789
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000377
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000296
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000882
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000547
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000757
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM063047
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM162584
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT063090
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001326
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001624
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001622
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000962
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001490
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001505
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001467
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001308
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM172546
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001623
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001866
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001736
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001630
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT082253
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM150555
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM150559
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM150642
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM153982
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM162310
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM164034
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074662
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM170355
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM170494
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM183577
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM191724
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001281

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Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001634
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001183
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM161801