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**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 22-264

DATE October 20, 2022

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**SUBJECT:** GRIFFITH PARK – POTE FIELD ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21666) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OR MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES OR FACILITIES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE] AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a), 15302 AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

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If Approved: Board President  Board Secretary 

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Griffith Park – Pote Field Accessibility Improvements (PRJ21666) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
3. 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;
4. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior or

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exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use], Class 2 [Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose] and Class 11(6) [Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial or institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

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 NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP staff 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 City residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, 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 scope of the proposed Project includes the following at Pote Field:

- Renovation of the bleachers at Pote Field in Griffith Park.
- Addition of a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) path of travel
- Refurbishment of the disabled accessible parking stalls in the adjacent parking lot.

### PROJECT FUNDING

The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in the Unappropriated Balance for RAP to make capital improvements at City parks and facilities (Council File No. 21-0935). In response, RAP developed a capital improvement plan to utilize the \$75,000,000.00 in funds to complete various park projects citywide. The proposed Project is one of the park projects that RAP has identified for the use of these funds.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00), which will be the total budget for this Project, inclusive of the budget contingency amounts set forth below.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

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### FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Deferred Maintenance Funds	302/89/727H-1A	\$450,000.00	100%
<b>Total</b>		\$450,000.00	100%

### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Winter 2023.

### TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will not impact any existing trees or shade at Griffith Park.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use, replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved October 3, 2022, this area is not within a coastal or methane zone. The site resides in a liquefaction zone, but the renovation of the bleachers and addition of the ADA path of travel will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction. The project site is in Griffith Park, a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM# 942), but the area is not a contributing element to the historic determination. Therefore, there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of October 3, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have 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 proposed Project or within its site. As the proposed Project is within an Historic Cultural Monument, it will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, RAP Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (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 1(1), Class 2 and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a), 15302 and

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15311 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 Report will have no 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 Deferred Maintenance Funds or funding sources other than 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 accessibility improvements to the Pote Field area at Griffith Park will enhance the park user's experience and increase safety.

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