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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 06-259

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SUBJECT: BOYLE HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER (W.O. #E170193B) - INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Review and consider the Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND), as on file in the Board Office, prepared by the City's Bureau of Engineering for the Boyle Heights Recreation Center, finding that all potentially significant environmental effects of the project have been properly disclosed and evaluated in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and City CEQA Guidelines, and that the IS/ND reflects the Department of Recreation and Parks' independent judgment and analysis;
2. Recommend that the City Council review, consider and adopt the IS/ND, with the City Council making the same findings as the Board; and,
3. Direct the Bureau of Engineering to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk within five (5) days of Council's adoption of the IS/ND.

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### SUMMARY:

The proposed Boyle Heights Recreation Center (W.O. #E170193B) project, which is currently under design, involves the construction of a new soccer stadium and enhancement of the surrounding landscape. The Recreation Center is located at 933 S. Mott Street, Los Angeles, CA 90023. The existing natural grass soccer fields will be converted to synthetic turf soccer fields, in order to eliminate the maintenance cost of reseeding the natural turf every other year and to reduce the cost of irrigation of the fields, as well as to reduce water use. The existing baseball outfield will also be refurbished with synthetic turf. The construction will require approximately 18 inches of grading over the entire field. Appropriate drainage will be provided around the field and directed toward the two existing storm drains at the south end. A maximum of four new light poles will be installed, one at each corner of the soccer field. Existing park lighting is insufficient, preventing night use of the soccer facility. Installation of new amenities includes: two new scoreboards, one in the baseball field and one in the soccer field; two new bleachers in the soccer field, each seating 40 spectators, with access provided by both an accessible path and new stairs; and sports equipment storage area. Landscaping around the entire field will be enhanced with native, drought-resistant plants and bushes. Existing trees will not be removed. Funding for this project will be from the Proposition K program and from State Proposition 12 funds.

In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Negative Declaration (ND) was prepared for the entire project based on the Initial Study dated May 17, 2006, which determined that all potentially significant environmental effects are less than significant. The ND was circulated to all interested parties and responsible agencies for a 20-day review and comment period from May 25, 2006 to June 13, 2006. During this public review period, no letters of comment were received.

Copies of the ND are on file in the Board office.

Upon adoption by the City Council of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration, staff will proceed with the completion of the construction documents. The completed construction documents will then be presented to the Board for approval and call for bids.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the department; however, future operations and maintenance costs will be assessed upon completion of the project.

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