

## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: POTRERO CANYON PARK DEVELOPMENT 15329 AND 15333 DE PAUW STREET SLOPE REMEDIATION (W.O. E1907428) PROJECT; UTILIZATION OF THE BUREAU OF ENGINEERING'S GEOTECHNICAL CONSTRUCTION ON-CALL LIST OF PRE-APPROVED CONTRACTORS


## RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Potrero Canyon Park 15329 \& 15333 De Pauw Street Slope Remediation (W.O. \#E1907428) project; and,
2. Request the Board of Public Works to allow the use of the Bureau of Engineering's Geotechnical Construction On-Call List of pre-approved contractors for construction of this project.

## SUMMARY:

## History:

Potrero Canyon was originally purchased by the City of Los Angeles in the 1960's. Throughout its history, Potrero Canyon has experienced numerous landslides, due to the instability of its canyon walls, resulting in damage to many homes and properties. From 1964 to 1975, the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) purchased various properties along the canyon with the goal of stabilizing the canyon and extending the Palisades Recreation Center. Due to a litigation settlement, the Department was later obligated to purchase an additional twenty-two (22) properties along the canyon rim.

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In 1986, the Department authorized a comprehensive study by Kovacs Byer, Inc., (later known as the J. Byer Group) to evaluate proposed plans to fill the canyon in order to stabilize it and to create a park. The fill grading project began in 1988 and consisted of multiple phases. The first phase, completed in 1990, consisted of cleaning out the canyon and installation of a storm drain. The second phase consisted of large scale import and compaction of fill in the canyon. It also included removal of landslide debris and benching of stability fill-slopes into the canyon walls. Numerous sub-drains were installed. In 2004, grading stopped due to a lack of funding, leaving the canyon grading approximately $65 \%$ complete.

In August 2004, Council Motion 04-1587-from Council District11 instructed the Department and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to complete the stabilization of the canyon. As part of this process, BOE evaluated the existing canyon conditions, prepared a scope of work and project schedule, and prepared preliminary grading plans for the canyon. BOE was also instructed to review the geotechnical conditions of the twenty-two (22) City-owned lots surrounding the canyon and to prepare real estate disclosure reports for the lots to be sold, fifteen (15) of which have been completed to date. Geotechnical reports have been completed for the majority of the canyon.

## Project Components:

The project has been divided into four units:
Unit 1: Elkis-Pardee reflects the names of the owners of the two properties which experienced slope failures during the 2005 winter storms.
Unit 2: Main Canyon Grading and Park Development, includes most of the northerly portion of the canyon.
Unit 3: Friends Street slope, consists of the area along the west wall of the canyon opposite Unit 1 .
Unit 4: $\quad$ PCH slope, includes the slope extending from Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) to Friends Street. This slope is out of the main canyon and was graded during construction. Any additional grading of this slope will be ancillary to the grading of the park.

## Use of On-Call Contractor List:

The slope remediation will support the slope below two City-owned properties that are impacted by landslides. This remedial grading will be done before the grading of the rest of the park to allow for sale of the City-owned properties. The grading will encroach onto the neighboring property at 15325 De Pauw Street. A Right of Entry has been provided by the property owner. In order to expedite initiation of the construction work for the slope remediation, BOE recommends utilizing BOE's

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geotechnical construction on-call list of pre-approved contractors. This will reduce the project schedule by several months. Using this list requires authorization by the Board of Public Works.

## Project Funding:

Currently, the only identified project funding source is from the sale of the 22 City-owned properties located at the top of the canyon. Sale of these lots requires California Coastal Commission approval. Funds from the sale of these properties will be deposited into the Potrero Canyon Trust Fund (PCTF), established by City Council in Ordinance No. 179472, effective February 4, 2008. The PCTF is administered by BOE, and all appropriations from the fund must be approved by City Council. To date, 15 properties have been sold, yielding a total of approximately $\$ 12,415,000.00$. Funding must be appropriated from the PCTF prior to issuance of any Notice to Proceed.

The potential environmental impacts of the overall canyon filling and stabilization phases, of which the proposed slope stabilization below 15329 and 15333 DePauw St. is a part, were analyzed in an environmental impact report (EIR) for the Potrero Canyon Park Development Project that was completed in 1985 in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

At this time, there is no fiscal impact to the Department of Recreation and Parks for this board report. Once this project is completed, operational maintenance cost will be determined. Upon project completion, a request for funding will be submitted in future Department annual budget requests.

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