

AGENDA

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

EXPO Center, Comrie Hall
3980 S. Bill Robertson Lane
Los Angeles, CA 90037

SYLVIA PATSAOURAS, PRESIDENT
IRIS ZUÑIGA, VICE PRESIDENT
LYNN ALVAREZ, COMMISSIONER
MELBA CULPEPPER, COMMISSIONER
MISTY M. SANFORD, COMMISSIONER

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 10, 2014

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

15-001 Various Communications

15-002 Plaza de la Raza General Improvements Project (PRJ15011) - Proposition A Excess Funds; Authorization to Submit Grant Application; Acceptance of Grant Funds; City Council Resolution and Youth Employment Plan

15-003 Los Angeles River Plant Propagation, Invasive Species Removal, and Revegetation Project – Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program – Authorization to Submit Grant Application; City Council Resolution; Acceptance of Grant

15-004 Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project – Land and Water Conservation Fund Program – Authorization to Submit Grant Application; City Council Resolution; Acceptance of Grant

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

14-315 Woodland Hills Recreation Center – Park Renovation (PRJ#20090)

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(W.O. #E1907454) Project – Review of Bids and Award of Contract

4. COMMISSION TASK FORCES:

- Commission Task Force on Concessions Report – Commissioners Alvarez and Zuñiga
- Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance Report – Commissioners Culpepper and Sanford

5. PRESENTATION:

Park Tree Inventory Project Update – Presentation by Laura Bauernfeind, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT:

Report on Department Activities and Facilities

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any comments that require a response or report by staff will be automatically referred to staff.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Items on Future Agendas

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 9:30 a.m., at EXPO Center, 3980 S. Bill Robertson Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90037.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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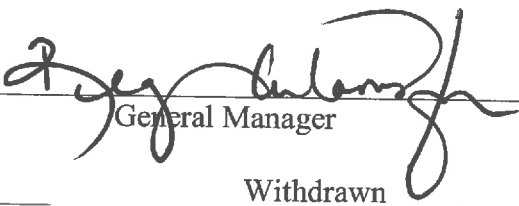
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

The following communications have been received by the Board and recommended action thereon is presented.

From:

Recommendation:

1) City Clerk, relative to funding for departmental services in connection with Council District 8's 2014 4th of July Fireworks event.

Referred to General Manager.

2) City Clerk, relative to the California Department of Education 2013-14 Summer Food Service Program grant.

Referred to General Manager.
(Report No. 14-071).

3) City Clerk, relative to funding for the Los Angeles Conservation Corps making improvements at the East Wilmington Greenbelt Vest Pocket Park in the community of Wilmington.

Note and File.

4) City Clerk, relative to updating the Department's Strategic Water Conservation Plan.

Referred to General Manager.

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- 5) City Clerk, relative to including energy and water-saving strategies in the construction and maintenance of Department facilities. Referred to General Manager.
- 6) City Clerk, relative to eliminating impediments to filming in the City of Los Angeles and improving efficiency and coordination of film permits. Referred to General Manager.
- 7) Chief Legislative Analyst, forwarding the Legislative Report for the weeks ending November 7, November 21, and December 5, 2014. Note and File.
- 8) Studio City Neighborhood Council, relative to installing cellular equipment in parks. Refer to General Manager.
- 9) Three Neighborhood Councils, relative to the award of the Greek Theatre Concession. Note and File.
The matter was acted on at the October 23, 2014 Meeting by Report No. 14-258.
- 10) California Native Plant Society, relative to development in the general area of Sullivan Canyon. Note and File.
- 11) Aldo Velez, relative to programs being offered for residents diagnosed with neurological or physical challenges. Referred to General Manager.
- 12) Eric J. Beck, to Council District Six, relative to Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area. Referred to General Manager.
- 13) John R. Johnson, to John Furay, Los Angeles County Probation Department, relative to a ticket given to his minor daughter by a Park Ranger in Griffith Park. Note and File.

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14) Two Homeowners Associations, relative to the proposed trail development of Department of Water and Power parcels in the Lake Hollywood area, with a response from Superintendent Cathie Santo Domingo.

Referred to General Manager.
(Report No. 14-168)

15) Dan Offerman, relative to an investigation into an alleged incident in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area that may have involved Park Rangers.

Referred to General Manager.

16) Nancy Shannon, to Park Ranger Captain Albert Torres, relative to the cleanup of Sunland Park, with a response.

Note and File.

17) Maria, relative to lighting at Seily Rodriguez Pocket Park.

Referred to General Manager.

18) Three residents, six communications relative to the Hollywoodland neighborhood adjacent to Griffith Park, with a response from Asst. General Manager Kevin Regan.

Referred to General Manager.

19) Geronimo Salazar, relative to the homeless in MacArthur Park.

Referred to General Manager.

20) Rick Selan (and two others), twenty-three communications relative to the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Note and File.

21) Rick Selan (and two others), seven communications relative to various issues at Oakwood Recreation Center.

Note and File.

22) Kenneth Marcus, President, Historical Society of Southern California, relative to their vacation of the Lummi Home.

Note and File.

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- 23) Jason Lewis, Joy Picus Child Care Center Parent Advisory Committee, President, relative to the award of contract for the Center. Referred to General Manager.
- 24) Stephanie Levin, two communications relative to Carlos Alvarado, Recreation Coordinator, at Balboa Sports Complex, with a response from Asst. General Manager Kevin Regan and comment by another resident. Note and File.
- 25) Jim Howat, relative to graffiti at Point Fermin Park. Refer to General Manager.
- 26) Tania Sayegh, relative to placing a dog park and outdoor fitness in the vicinity of Queen Anne Park. Refer to General Manager.
- 27) Sean D. Devereaux, relative to Banning Museum. Refer to General Manager.
- 28) David J. Sire, Jr., Esq., Feldman & Associates, Inc., on behalf of AWI Builders, Inc., relative to the award of contract for the Woodland Hills Recreation Center - Park Renovation (PRJ#20090) (W.O. #E1907454) project. Refer to General Manager.
(Report No. 14-315)
- 29) Kathleen Battersby, relative to a sealed gate at Yvonne B. Burke Park. Refer to General Manager.
- 30) Daniel McNulty, The Playful City USA Team at KaBOOM!, relative to making Los Angeles a Playful City USA. Refer to General Manager.

This report was prepared by Paul Liles, Clerk Typist, Commission Office.

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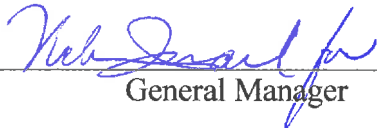
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PLAZA DE LA RAZA GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PRJ15011) – PROPOSITION A EXCESS FUNDS; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

R. Adams _____
R. Barajas _____
H. Fujita _____

*V. Israel  _____
K. Regan _____
N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) submission of a Proposition A Excess Funds grant application for the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project, which consists of the renovation of the existing parking lot, including landscaping and lighting improvements;
2. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project;
3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Resolution, which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Proposition A Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 from the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles in partnership with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project;
4. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Proposition A Youth Employment Plan (YEP), relative to the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project;
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or

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to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition A Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project; and

6. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution and YEP to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A grant guidelines.

SUMMARY:

In October 2014, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was notified by the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles that RAP was invited to submit a grant application for Proposition A Excess Funds in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project, which is located in East Los Angeles at the Plaza de la Raza Cultural Center for the Arts and Education (Cultural Center), 3540 N. Mission Road, Los Angeles, California 90031, within Lincoln Park. Through an Operating Lease Agreement with RAP, Plaza de la Raza, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization since 1970, manages the Cultural Center.

Upon approval of the Proposition A funding allocation, total funding for this project will be \$833,425.00, which is the estimated cost of the project. Current funding for this project consists of the proposed \$70,000.00 in Proposition A Excess Funds, \$523,425.00 in Proposition A Discretionary Funds, \$150,000.00 in Proposition K funds, and \$90,000.00 in Capital Improvement Expenditure Plan Funds for a total of \$833,425.00. The Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project consists of the renovation of the existing parking lot, including, landscaping and lighting improvements. The project is estimated to be completed by June 2016. The project will be completed through a City-approved contract vendor. The project will be managed by the Bureau of Engineering, Architectural Division.

In accordance with the Proposition A grant guidelines, along with the authorizing City Council Resolution, a Youth Employment Plan (YEP), which indicates whether or not at-risk youth (ages 14-24) were considered for hire and whether or not at-risk youth (ages 14-24) will be employed in the development of the project, has been completed for this project. With its analysis of the activities necessary for the development of this project, staff has determined that due to the nature of the scope of work for this project, there are no tasks that can be performed by at-risk youth; and therefore, no at-risk youth will be hired for this project. When practical, RAP has employed at-risk youth to assist with the completion of various capital projects.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

In accordance with the terms noted in the Operating Lease Agreement, Plaza de la Raza is responsible for maintaining the facility; therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS AND APPROVING
THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR THE
PLAZA DE LA RAZA GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions;

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Los Angeles to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City of Los Angeles must comply with;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and,

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above project;
2. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles understands both the assurances and certification requirements in the application form;
3. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity;
4. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles will sign and return within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and

5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached);
and
6. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____

**City of Los Angeles
Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project
Grant No. (TBD)**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Background:

The City of Los Angeles is using up to \$70,000.00 in Proposition A Excess Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions for the project.

The proposed project will consist of the renovation of the existing parking lot, including landscaping and lighting improvements.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:

None.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment:

Total estimated hours of youth employment on the project: **None.**

Estimated cost per hour: **None.**

Total estimated cost of youth employment: **None.**

Method of Youth Employment:

Due to the nature of the project and requirement of skilled labor, the City of Los Angeles will not be able to employ local at-risk youth (Ages 14-24) on the project.

Youth Employment Goal:

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Proposition A Youth Employment Goal (YEG) of the City of Los Angeles is \$12,188,486.00 (equal to fifty percent of the City of Los Angeles's Maintenance and Servicing funds allocations from the 1992 (A-I) and 1996 (A-II) Propositions). To date, the City has received credit for employing at-risk youth totaling \$15,628,838.00 in youth labor wages paid and has satisfied its Proposition A At-Risk Youth Employment obligation.

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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES RIVER PLANT PROPAGATION, INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL, AND REVEGETATION PROJECT – DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

R. Adams _____	*V. Israel 
R. Barajas _____	K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____	N. Williams _____



 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) submission of a Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program grant application as a co-sponsor with The Nature Conservancy for the Los Angeles River Plant Propagation, Invasive Species Removal, and Revegetation Project, which consists of the removal of invasive species from 15-20 acres at the Los Angeles River, the Griffith Park Commonwealth Nursery plant propagation activities improvements, a monitoring program that will include citizen science participation from local community members and students, and planting of native species on a section of the project area;
2. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Los Angeles River Plant Propagation, Invasive Species Removal, and Revegetation Project;
3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Resolution, which authorizes the submission of a Urban Streams Restoration Program grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Department of Water Resources for the Los

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Angeles River Plant Propagation, Invasive Species Removal, and Revegetation Project;
and

4. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Urban Streams Restoration Program grant guidelines.

SUMMARY:

In December 2014, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was asked by LA River Works of the Office of the Mayor and The Nature Conservancy, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, to partner as a co-sponsor of a Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program grant for the Los Angeles River Plant Propagation, Invasive Species Removal, and Revegetation Project, which is Phase II of the entire Los Angeles River Project under the Greater Los Angeles Urban Conservation Program. Phase I of the Los Angeles River Project is comprised of the Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study and Education/Outreach/Community Engagement components that are funded by The Nature Conservancy and a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant. Phase II (known here as the Los Angeles River Plant Propagation, Invasive Species Removal, and Revegetation Project) of the Los Angeles River Project is comprised of removing invasive species from 15-20 acres at the Los Angeles River, a small plant propagation project at the Griffith Park Commonwealth Nursery, a monitoring program that will include citizen science participation from local community members and students, and planting native species on a section of the project area (if funding permits).

The significance of this project is its contribution to the restoration of the Los Angeles River. As noted in the Los Angeles River Feasibility Study by the Army Corps of Engineers, the Los Angeles River is a significant ecological feature of the Los Angeles Basin. The river contains riparian habitat that could support federally listed, sensitive, and other important plants and animals associated with this that collectively are of great importance to The Nature Conservancy and the people of the State of California. Invasive species removal and re-vegetation of the river will help enhance the habitat available to support these species, and the conservation values of the river.

If awarded the Urban Streams Restoration Program grant, The Nature Conservancy's role will include: administering the grant, managing the project of plant propagation, weed removal, revegetation, and restoration monitoring and ensuring that the project aligns with the goals of the Urban Streams Restoration Program. As co-sponsor, RAP's role will include: monitoring project activities particularly in accordance with the Labor Compliance Code. This grant does not

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require a match; however, The Nature Conservancy will show matching funds through cash and in-kind contributions to demonstrate its commitment to the project.

In accordance with the Urban Streams Restoration Program grant guidelines, The Nature Conservancy will secure letters of support from the land owners, which include the City of Los Angeles, United States Army Corps of Engineers, the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District, and others.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

At this time, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund; any maintenance costs associated with the small plant propagation project will be covered with funds from this grant.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION
PROGRAM FOR THE LOS ANGELES RIVER PLANT PROPAGATION, INVASIVE
SPECIES REMOVAL, AND REVEGETATION PROJECT**

Resolution endorsing the application for an Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant and determining appropriate environmental impact document, conditionally accepting grant if offered, and designating project representative, contract manager, and fiscal agent.

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources, FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide resources Office, Urban Streams Restoration Program has announced the availability of funds for grants; and

WHEREAS, said grants are intended to help solve flooding and erosion problems in a way that provides environmental *enhancement*; and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy (Sponsor) has proposed to sponsor a grant application with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (Co-sponsor); and

WHEREAS, we have concluded the project proposed for funding with grants would be environmentally beneficial and (pick one of the following):

- a) Categorically exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under one or more of the following exemptions per sections 15300-15333 of the CEQA Guidelines: (select appropriate exemptions class)_____;
- b) We have adopted a(n) (identify the name and the year of environmental document, e.g., Negative or Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental permits prior to implementation of the project;
- c) **We will comply with all requirements of CEQA and other environmental permits prior to implementation of the project.**

WHEREAS, we consider the prospects of receiving a grant to be reasonably likely;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Approves the joint application with The Nature Conservancy (Citizen's Group) for an Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant; and
2. If offered such a grant, we authorizes the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to accept and sign any contract for administration of grant funds, and Superintendent, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks or their designee to act as Project Manager for the project. We hereby delegate authority to the Project Manager to manage the

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Agreement including the submission of invoices, and to delegate authority to others to provide management and support services required for performance of the work and administration of the Agreement.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____

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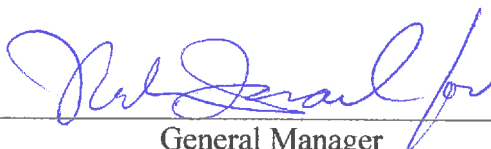
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: RUNYON CANYON ACQUISITION PROJECT – LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

R. Adams _____
R. Barajas _____
H. Fujita _____

*V. Israel 
K. Regan _____
N. Williams _____


General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) submission of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application for the Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project, which consists of the acquisition of an approximately 3.81-acre parcel (APN 5571-026-007), located at 2450 Solar Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046, for recreational purposes;
2. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project;
3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Resolution, which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the LWCF grant in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project;
4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the LWCF grant in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project; and
5. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City

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Council approval, in accordance with LWCF grant guidelines.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of October 3, 2007, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved the preliminary authorization to expand Runyon Canyon Park by acquiring the property located at 2450 Solar Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046, at the request of Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Fourth District (Board Report No. 07-230). At the time of the approved report, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff had determined that the approved Proposition K funding was not sufficient to complete the acquisition and began working with other City entities and outside partners to seek additional funding for the project.

In November 2014, RAP was contacted by The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, whose mission is to create parks and protect land for people, to assist in the submission of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application for the Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project, which is located in the Hollywood Hills area of Los Angeles, adjacent to Runyon Canyon Park. The grant application is due by February 3, 2015.

Over the years, TPL has partnered with RAP in the acquisition and development of various capital projects. Currently, TPL is working with the City of Los Angeles (City) to preserve an approximately 14-acres in the area of the City's popular Runyon Canyon Park by helping RAP to acquire the proposed project parcel, also known as the "Knoll." This LWCF grant will be used to supplement current funding for the proposed Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$3,000,000.00. The total anticipated funding for the project will include the secured \$1,500,000.00 in Proposition K Specified funds and \$1,500,000.00 in LWCF funds, if awarded. The acquisition is anticipated to be completed by December 2015.

Once acquired, the parcel is intended for general, open space, recreational use as the site is widely popular with hikers, joggers, and dog walkers as an expansion of the Runyon Canyon Park. The proposed parcels are currently private property and under the constant threat of further development or being closed to the public altogether. By acquiring this property for conservation, RAP will ensure that it will remain open to the public for recreational purposes.

With regards to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination, RAP's Environmental Management Section has determined that the proposed acquisition and minimal development of the site for use as recreational open space are exempt from the provisions of the CEQA, pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 25, of the City CEQA Guidelines.

The proposed Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project has support from Council District 4 as well as the community members.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

At this time, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund; however, future maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
RUNYON CANYON ACQUISITION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing APPLICATIONS by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant certifies by resolution the approval of the APPLICATION and the availability of eligible MATCHING funds prior to submission of the APPLICATION to the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an APPLICATION for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the proposed: Runyon Canyon Acquisition Project.
2. Agrees to abide by SECTION 6(f)(3) of Public Law 88-578 which states “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”
3. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
4. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, as agent of the APPLICANT to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned PROJECT.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____

MATTERS PENDING

Matters Pending will be carried for a maximum of six months, after which time they will be deemed withdrawn and rescheduled whenever a new staff report is received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

ORIGINALLY PLACED ON <u>BOARD AGENDA</u>	PLACED ON MATTERS <u>PENDING</u>	DEEMED <u>WITHDRAWN</u>
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None

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED:

02/24/15 Chatsworth Park South Rehabilitation (W.O. #EI70331A)

PROPOSALS TO BE RECEIVED:

01/27/15 Winter Theme Lighting at Pershing Square

QUALIFICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED:

None