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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 24-030

DATE February 01, 2024

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: RIO DE LOS ANGELES STATE PARK – SYNTHETIC FIELD REPLACEMENT (PRJ21749) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 [RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park – Synthetic Field Replacement (PRJ21749) 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 a maximum of One Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,420,000.00) in Park Fees for the proposed Project;

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT/ACCT NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003385

3. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Board Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;

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5. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
6. 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 Notice of Exemption (NOE); and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Rio De Los Angeles State Park is located at 1900 North San Fernando Road in the Northeast community of the City. This 39.39-acre facility provides a children's play area, community room, multipurpose room, picnic tables, tennis courts, baseball diamond (lighted), soccer field, synthetic field, walking paths, and basketball courts. Approximately 4,258 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Rio De Los Angeles State Park. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features and programs it provides, Rio De Los Angeles State Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the proposed Project includes the following:

- 1) Demolition of the existing field.
- 2) Regrading of field area.
- 3) Installation of new synthetic field to match existing soccer layout.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,420,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project, which is the total budget including the budget contingency amount set forth below.

See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project:

<b>On-Call Contract</b>	<b>Contingency Amount</b>
Turf Construction	\$200,000.00

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The Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Rio de Los Angeles State Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

### FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$1,420,000.00	100%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,420,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project. See below the anticipated schedule for the proposed Project:

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Predesign	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	November 2023– December 2023
Construction	January 2024 – July 2024
Post Construction	July 2024 – December 2024

### TREES AND SHADE

This Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Rio de Los Angeles State Park.

### 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 will have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on December 21, 2023, this area resides in a liquefaction zone, but the reconstruction of an existing soccer field could not lead to liquefaction. This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so 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 cumulative impacts are expected from this Project. As identified on the 100-Acre Partnership's website (<https://www.100acrepartnership.org/projects>), several projects in the vicinity at the nearby and adjacent G1 and G2 Parcels are in the planning stages, such as the Bowtie Demonstration Project (2.5 acres), Bowtie G1 Project (18 acres), and Paseo del Rio Project at Taylor Yard (approximately 16 acres). These projects are focused on habitat creation and restoration and passive recreation and will be constructed after implementation of the proposed Project. The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering is planning the renovation of the other two soccer fields in the park, but the possibility of cumulative impacts is remote, because the

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proposed Project will occur with a different timeline and will not overlap, to allow for soccer activity to take place in the park during construction. Furthermore, the overall use of the renovated soccer fields will not substantially increase the capacity of the park.

As of December 21, 2023, 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. They have listed RB Case # 112.6020 and case 3 19470006 near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). The first was a plating operation, investigated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in March 2004. RWQCB closed the case with no further action in May 2004. The second is one of the sections of the Union Pacific Taylor Yard, which is currently undergoing remediation. These sites are not anticipated to represent an environmental concern in connection with the Project.

According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and 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 Park Commissioners' (Board) determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees 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 minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility. Future staffing and equipment cost demands for the new improvements will be requested through RAP's standard budget process.

### 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 replacement of the synthetic field at Rio de Los Angeles State Park will enhance the enjoyment and safety of residents using the field.

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