RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Arroyo Seco – Outdoor Refurbishment (W.O. #E170490F) project;

2. Approve the reduction in the value of the work that the specifications require to be performed by the prime contractor from 50% to 20% of the base bid price; and,

3. Approve the date to be advertised for receipt of bids as Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

Submitted are final plans and specifications for the Arroyo Seco – Outdoor Refurbishment (W.O. #E170490F) project, located at 5566 Via Marisol, Los Angeles, California. The project is funded by Proposition K funds. Staff from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) prepared the design plans and specifications for the project.

The scope of work as described in the Proposition K Bond measure is "outdoor refurbishment to include lighting, new play equipment in area close to residents, irrigation." More specifically, the scope of work has been developed with input from the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff and the Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC), including:
1. Installation of a new, "Smart" automated irrigation system.
2. Installation of new playground equipment.
3. Replacement of light fixtures at six existing light poles.
4. Installation of twelve new light poles to illuminate the parking lot and paths to the tennis courts.
5. Installation of 2 new wall-mounted lights inside the tunnel for safety and security purposes.

It has been the policy of this Board to require that the prime contractor on construction projects perform a minimum of 50% of the work for the project, as measured by the base bid price. It is proposed that the Board reduce the prime contractor’s participation requirement from 50% to 20% on this project. This should help attract a broader range of prime contractors, thus creating a more inviting and competitive bidding environment for this project. Also, it should create a more competitive pricing among the specialty subcontractors providing bids to the prime contractors.

The City Engineer’s estimate (excluding the electrical portion) for the construction cost of this project is $365,000. The electrical portion upon design completion will be added as an addendum to the Bid Package and its construction cost estimate is $135,000. Funding for construction of the proposed improvements is available from the following Proposition K funds:

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In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the refurbishment of an existing park facility, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1, 12) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines. This project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt per City CEQA guidelines Article VII, Section 1a (existing facilities).

The bid package has been approved by the City Attorney’s Office.

Council District 14 supports the recommendations set forth in this report.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the Department’s General Fund. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and will be addressed in future budget requests.
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