RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve final plans and specifications for the Aliso Canyon Park - Development project (W.O. #E170101F); and,

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

3. Approve the date for receipt of bids as Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 3:00 P.M. in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (DPW) and Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) propose to construct the Aliso Canyon Park - Development project (W.O. #E170101F). The project is designed to construct a new neighborhood equestrian facility and passive park within a Department of Recreation and Parks owned property. Aliso Canyon Park is located within a horse-keeping community. The project was initiated at the request of Council District Twelve, and an Aliso Canyon Park Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) was formed to give input on potential designs that would accommodate equestrian, hiking and biking current uses while maintaining the natural integrity of the park. The development of the proposed project is expected to provide a much-needed recreational
amenity to the community because it would ensure safe, enlightened patronage and stewardship of an important regional resource, the Aliso Canyon Park.

The Aliso Canyon Park - Equestrian Project consists of a 7-acre equestrian day-use and park facility at a former, privately-owned equestrian site within Aliso Canyon Park in the Community of Porter Ranch, located at 18041 Rinaldi Street Los Angeles, CA 91326. Aliso Canyon Park is an existing, undeveloped City park, covering approximately 60 acres in area. Once completed, the facility would be operated and maintained by RAP.

Final plans and specifications are complete for the current phase of the Aliso Canyon Park - Equestrian Improvement (W.O. #E170101F) project. The proposed project is partially funded by Proposition K. As required under the Proposition K - L.A. for Kids Program, three (3) LVNOC meetings have been held, and the LVNOC has approved the scope of this project. The proposed action would maximize the use of the City’s Proposition K funds for recreational development.

Plans and specifications provide for the following scope:

1. Installation of new asphalt parking lot paving and access roadways.
2. Installation of new gravel parking lot paving.
3. Installation of new concrete paving.
4. Installation of new natural aggregate paving system pathway.
5. Installation of new picnic shelter, benches, and drinking fountain.
6. Installation of new prefabricated pedestrian bridge and abutments.
7. Installation of drainage and storm water treatment improvements.
8. Installation of new irrigation system.
9. Installation of new trees, shrubs and hydroseeded areas.
10. Installation of new solar security lightings.

Funding will be drawn from the funding sources listed below:

- Council District Twelve Sunshine Canyon Amenities Fund ($200,000) per City Council approval on May 8, 2009 (Council File (CF) -09-1000).
- Council District Twelve Sunshine Canyon Amenities Fund ($2,000,000) per City Council approval on September 24, 2010 (CF-10-2485).
- Proposition K Year 14 Funds ($1,000,000).

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 more competitive pricing among the subcontractors providing bids to the prime contractors.

The Aliso Canyon Park project has a combined gross budget of $3,200,000. The City Engineer’s estimate for the construction cost of the Aliso Canyon Park project totals $2,000,000.

In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) that includes the development elements of the project has been completed. The final MND has been adopted and a Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk on November 19, 2010.

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

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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