REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE May 20, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WEST HILLS SPORTS CENTER – GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CORPORATION AUTHORIZING EXISTING ELECTRICAL POWER LINES AND THE ADDITION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE OVER THE WEST HILLS SPORTS CENTER

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the request of the Department of General Services (GSD) to grant to the Southern California Edison Corporation (SCE) an easement, as described in the Summary of this Report, authorizing existing traversing overhead facilities, consisting of electrical distribution lines among other things, and allowing for the addition of fiber optic cable (facilities upgrade) for the West Hills Sports Center, subject to the approval of Mayor and the City Council and the City Attorney as to form;

2. Accept payment from SCE in the amount of $63,900 for granting of the easement and authorize staff to deduct an amount not to exceed $384.84 as payment of the processing fee for the easement;

3. Direct GSD upon the final approval of the easement to deposit $63,515.16, the balance of funds received as compensation for granting the easement to the Department of Recreation and Park’s (RAP), Real Estate and Asset Management Account, Department No. 89 Fund No. 302 and Account No. 4155, Work Order No. SP89X935; and,

4. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the proposed grant of the easement to the Mayor’s Office in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and concurrently to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form.
SUMMARY:

Southern California Edison Corporation (SCE) communicated to the GSD their request for an easement allowing electrical power lines to traverse above the West Hills Sports Center, also known as West Hills Recreation Center, in a letter dated December 10, 2009. The letter stated that there are existing SCE overhead powerlines located within the boundary of the properties running along the eastern property lines approximately seven hundred thirty-five (735) feet (north to south) with a width of approximately eight (8) feet. No additional poles or conduits will be installed. The easement will be an approximate distance of seven hundred thirty-five (735) feet (north to south) in length and eight (8) feet in width across three (3) consecutive park property parcels with the Los Angeles County Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APN) 2031-008-902; 2031-008-903, and 2031-008-905. Compensation for the easement is Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars ($63,900);

GSD, as the purchasing agent of the City of Los Angeles, negotiated the sales agreement with SCE. On February 10, 2011, GSD staff communicated to the RAP that the agreed upon sales price of the easement was for the amount of $63,900.

The fee for processing the easement is Three Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents ($384.84). This fee will be deducted from the sales price of Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars ($63,900). Upon the approval by the City Council of the sale of the easement, GSD will deposit the balance of the funds from the sale, Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Sixteen Cents ($63,515.16), into the RAP’s Real Estate and Asset Management Account, Department No. 89 Fund No. 302 and Account No. 4155, Work Order No. SP89X935.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of granting an easement for existing electrical power lines to traverse above the West Hills Sport Center, which will not result in any changes in land use. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 5 (30) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund for granting of the easement to SCE. The only known cost is the $384.84 fee for the processing of the easement. This amount will be deducted from the sales price of $63,900 received for the easement.

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