REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE August 14, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL – PAYMENT TO CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL AND CLEANUP SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the encumbrance and payment in an amount not-to-exceed $60,000.00 to Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc., for hazardous waste disposal and cleanup services; and,

2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to implement the intent of this Report and incorporate these changes.

SUMMARY

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) occasionally generates and encounters hazardous wastes through the maintenance, construction and operational activities it conducts at its various facilities. The types of hazardous wastes include paints, solvents, aerosol cans, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and other petroleum-based materials, asbestos- and lead-containing materials, biological and pathogenic materials, off-spec chemical products, fluorescent bulbs, and contaminated absorbents and rags from the cleanup of small spills.

As a hazardous waste generator, RAP must comply with federal and state laws that regulate the storage, transport and disposal of hazardous wastes. The proper disposal of hazardous wastes requires the use of specialized companies permitted to package, and transport the wastes to authorized treatment and disposal facilities. Clean Harbors has been providing these services for the
City of Los Angeles through a contract managed by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (DPW/BOS). DPW/BOS authorized the use of this contract by RAP and other user departments through the establishment of separate personal services contracts (PSC). The Clean Harbors contract expired in May 2011; since that time DPW/BOS has been working on establishing a new contract and expects to accomplish this before the end of 2013. As before, DPW/BOS will allow RAP to use the contract through the establishment of its own PSC.

Since the termination of the contract, RAP has been relying on the use of Authority for Expenditures (AFE) to utilize Clean Harbors’ hazardous waste disposal and cleanup services. This option is no longer available, so until the new contract is in place authorization is being sought by the Board to allow RAP to use the services of Clean Harbors on an as-needed basis.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funding for the hazardous waste disposal and cleanup services will be provided by RAP’s various operating units requiring the services through Fund 302 Department 88 Account 003040, Contractual Services accounts.

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