REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE October 1, 2014

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ORO VISTA PARK – PARK DEVELOPMENT (PRJ20068) (W.O. #EI70480F) - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to establish new Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-OV with Oro Vista Park as the Account Name;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $105,675.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Oro Vista Park Account No. 89460K-OV;

3. Approve the allocation of $105,675.00 in Quimby Fees from Oro Vista Park Account No. 89460K-OV for the Oro Vista Park - Park Development (PRJ20068) (W.O. #EI70480F) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,

4. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Oro Vista Park is located at 11101 North Oro Vista Street in the Sunland-Tujunga area of the City. This 8.23 acre park is currently undeveloped and unimproved and is inaccessible to the surrounding communities. Oro Vista Park is smaller than the “minimum desired acreage” for a Community Park, but, once the project is complete, it will meet the Public Recreation Plan’s definition of a Community Park as the park is “designed to serve residents of all ages in several surrounding neighborhoods” and it features “specialized” facilities (e.g. equestrian and trail
staging area) that are typically found in a Community Park and that are designed to serve residents from a wide service radius.

The Oro Vista Park – Park Development (PRJ20068) (W.O. #EI70480F) project is a Proposition K funded project. On April 7, 2010, the Board approved the final plans and call for bids for the Oro Vista Park – Park Development (PRJ20068) (W.O. #EI70480F) project (Board Report No. 10-066). The scope of the project is for the construction of an equestrian and trail staging area with permeable surface parking for cars and horse trailers, landscape with native plants appropriate to the location, a demonstration garden, picnic tables, amenities for equestrians, trails linking to existing hiking and riding trails, planting and irrigation in the demonstration garden, information signs in the demonstration garden, a shade structure, entry pilaster, and grubbing and clearing of the natural paths.

General Services Department (GSD) (Board Report No. 10-152, approved on June 16, 2010) was awarded the construction contract for the Oro Vista project. However, the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) later determined that cost efficiencies could be achieved by awarding the construction contract to Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), therefore on July 10, 2013, the Board rescinded the contract awarded to GSD and the project was then awarded to the Department for construction for a total not-to-exceed construction amount of $322,000 (Board Report No. 13-189). The $322,000 in Proposition K funding was appropriated to the Department in December 2013, as authorized in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 First Construction Projects Report (Council File No. 13-1498).

Department staff has determined that supplemental funding is necessary to complete the project.

Upon approval of this Report, $105,675.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Oro Vista Park Account No. 89460K-OV and allocated to the Oro Vista Park – Park Development (PRJ20068) (W.O. #EI70480F) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Oro Vista Park – Park Development (PRJ20068) (W.O. #EI70480F) project is $105,675.00. These Fees were collected within two miles of Oro Vista Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for Community Parks.

The proposed project has been previously evaluated for environmental impacts and determined to be Categorically Exempt per City California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Article III, Section la, Class 1(11) (existing facilities) and Class 11(2,3) (accessory structures). A Notice of exemption was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office on July 11, 2008, and posted by the County Clerk's Office on July 11, 2008. The project scope and environmental setting has not substantially changed since the exemption was approved and is still valid for the action before the Board. No additional environmental documentation is required.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department’s General fund.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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