REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: June 18, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: OCEAN VIEW FARMS COMMUNITY GARDEN – AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 3401 WITH OCEAN VIEW FARMS, INC., TO EXTEND THE TERM OF AGREEMENT

Approved ✓ Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment to Agreement No. 3401, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City of Los Angeles and Ocean View Farms, Inc., to extend the term of Agreement No. 3401 from three (3) years to thirteen (13) years, subject to approval of the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Attorney as to form;

2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the Amendment to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendment subsequent to all necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

On September 7, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved Agreement No. 3401 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles (City) and Ocean View Farms, Inc. (Organization), authorizing the Organization’s operation and maintenance of a 6.0 acre community garden with 500 community garden plots located within the community of Mar
Vista at 3245 Grand View Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066, commonly known as Ocean View Farms Community Garden (Report No. 11-245). The Agreement, which was executed on January 18, 2013, carries a three (3) year term and is due to expire on January 17, 2016.

Prior to execution of Agreement No. 3401, Organization has for many years operated the Ocean View Farms Community Garden under a right-of-entry permit. Subsequently, under Agreement No. 3401, Organization has successfully maintained the Ocean View Farms Community Garden at their sole cost and expense, including the payment of utilities and expenses, and has received positive yearly evaluations from staff. The Organization has communicated that it wishes to continue its collaboration with the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for the operation and maintenance of the community garden. Staff therefore recommends that the term of Agreement No. 3401 with Organization be extended for ten (10) additional years through the proposed Amendment, allowing the Organization to continue operating and maintaining the Ocean View Farms Community Garden for the benefit of the local community.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Extending the term of Agreement No. 3401 with Organization will have no adverse impact on the RAP General Fund, as Organization will continue to be solely responsible for costs and expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of the Ocean View Farms Community Garden.

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