REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE May 6, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SHADOW RANCH PARK – BALL FIELD, FENCING, AND IRRIGATION (PRJ20776) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Shadow Ranch Park – Ball Field, Fencing, and Irrigation (PRJ20776) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department’s (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Quimby Funds in the amount of $100,000.00 from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 89460K-SG;

3. Approve the allocation of $100,000.00 in Quimby Funds from Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 89460K-SG for the Shadow Ranch Park – Ball Field, Fencing, and Irrigation (PRJ20776) project;

4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

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

Shadow Ranch Park is located at 22633 Vanowen Street in the West Hills area of the City. This 12.03-acre park provides baseball diamonds, basketball courts, a community building, and a play area for the community. This park also features the historic Shadow Ranch House (City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 9), which is currently used as a community center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Shadow Ranch Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, a financial review of the Proposition K bond program identified three Proposition K bond projects that had only achieved partial scope completion (Council File (CF) No. 12-0479). One of those three partially completed Proposition K bond projects is located at Shadow Ranch Park. The scope of the Shadow Ranch Park project, as specified in the Proposition K Ballot Measure, was for facility renovation, ball field improvements, fencing, and irrigation. The scope elements of that project that have yet to be completed include ball field improvements, fencing, and irrigation. Currently there is $79,040.84 in residual Proposition K funding available to complete the remaining project scope items (CF No. 12-0479-S2).

In addition to the Proposition K funded ball field, fencing, and irrigation improvements, Department staff has identified various pedestrian accessibility improvements that are necessary at Shadow Ranch Park and that should be completed concurrently with the Proposition K funded improvements. Staff recommends that supplemental funding be allocated to the project to complete these necessary improvements.

Upon approval of this Report, $100,000.00 in Quimby Funds can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 89460K-SG and allocated to the Shadow Ranch Park – Ball Field, Fencing, and Irrigation (PRJ20776) project. These Quimby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Shadow Ranch Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities. The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Shadow Ranch Park – Ball Field, Fencing, and Irrigation (PRJ20776) project would be $100,000. The total funding available for project, inclusive of the available Proposition K funding, would be $179,040.84.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

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 service at this facility.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.