BOARD REPORT

DATE June 19, 2019

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM – FIRE LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM REPLACEMENT (PRJ21289) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(4) [RESTORATION OR REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS TO MEET CURRENT STANDARDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Díaz __________ S. Piña-Cortez __________
H. Fujita __________ V. Israel __________ N. Williams __________

M. Alkon
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Fire Life Safety System Replacement (PRJ21289) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee or designee to transfer One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($160,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Cabrillo Aquarium Account No. 89460K-CQ;

3. Approve the allocation of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($160,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Cabrillo Aquarium Account No. 89460K-CQ to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Fire Life Safety System Replacement (PRJ21289) Project;

4. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) of the City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

5. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars ($75.00) for the purpose of filing an NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Cabrillo Beach is located at 3800 Stephen M. White Drive in the San Pedro community of the City. This 40.07-acre park provides beach access, a bathhouse, a children’s play area, picnic areas, and a fishing pier for the surrounding community. Approximately 1,727 residents live within a half mile (1/2) walking distance from Cabrillo Beach. Cabrillo Beach is also home to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a public aquarium that engages visitors in education, recreation, and research of the marine life of Southern California. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Cabrillo Beach meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Fire Life Safety System Replacement (PRJ21289) Project proposes to replace the existing fire life safety system at the aquarium.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($160,000.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Cabrillo Aquarium Account No. 89460K-CQ and allocated to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Fire Life Safety System Replacement (PRJ21289) Project.

These Quimby Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the Project. The Project is anticipated to begin construction in June 2019.
TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees and no new trees are proposed to be added to Cabrillo Marine Aquarium as a part of this Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the replacement of deteriorated fire life safety equipment and systems to meet current standards of public health, and safety. As such, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) of the City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed upon approval by the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP’s General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed Project improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than RAP'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.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP’s Strategic Plan by supporting:

| Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks
| Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming
| Result: The replacement of the fire life safety system at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will enhance the safety of the visitors and staff.

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