

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT		NO	23-149
DATE	August 17, 2023	C.D	1 & 14
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SUBJECT:	NORTH OUTFALL SEWER (NOS) REHABILITATION UNIT 11 – HUMBOLDT ST. TO CARDINAL ST. (W.O.#SZC13729) PROJECT - APPROVAL OF A RIGHT OF ENTRY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCOPE OF WORK OF THE SEWER REHABILITATION AT ALBION RIVERSIDE PARK; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(b) [MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING FACILITIES OF BOTH INVESTORS AND PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITIES USED TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER, NATURAL GAS, SEWERAGE, OR OTHER PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES] AND 15302(c) [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING UTILITY SYSTEMS AND/OR FACILITIES INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF CAPACITY] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(2) AND CLASS 2(5) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES		
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to issue a Right of Entry (ROE) permit to the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) selected contractor to complete the work at the outdoor basketball areas at Albion Riverside Park as part of the North Outfall Sewer Rehabilitation Unit 11 Humboldt St. to Cardinal St. (W.O. #SZC13729) project (Project), as more fully described in this Report;
- 2. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(b) [Maintenance of existing facilities of both investors and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services] and 15302(c) [Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) and Class 2(5) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as direct Bureau of Engineering (BOE) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk); and,

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3. Authorize RAP staff to accept the \$28,420.96 payment from the BOE contractor as part of the ROE permit requirements.

SUMMARY

The North Outfall Sewer (NOS) Rehabilitation Unit 11 – Humboldt St. to Cardinal St. project will rehabilitate 3,869 linear feet of the 100-year-old 54-inch North Outfall Sewer. The NOS Unit 11 sewer alignment is located in the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood. Most of the project is in Council District 1, and the remainder of the sewer is in Council District 14. The sewer's alignment meanders through public and private right of way, of which approximately 574-feet of the North Outfall Sewer runs below Albion Riverside Park (Park) within a 15-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, as shown in Attachment No. 1, Vicinity Map. The construction phase for this Project is scheduled from March 3, 2025 to February 26, 2027.

The North Outfall Sewer was constructed in the 1920s and needs rehabilitation due to its poor condition. If left in its current condition, the sewer will continue to deteriorate and begin to fail which may cause sinkholes and sewage spills. To rehabilitate the sewer, 8 access pits will be excavated to slip-line a new pipe in the existing sewer. This will restore the structural integrity of the sewer. The excavation depths vary from 25 feet to 42 feet.

Due to the North Outfall Sewer's existing alignment, one of the proposed access pits (Pit #6) falls within Albion Riverside Park's outdoor basketball courts (approximately 95'x115'). This area, which includes the 15-foot sanitary sewer easement, is needed as a work area for 9 months, between September 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026. The project will fence the basketball court's perimeter for sewer rehabilitation construction activities to ensure the public's safety. Sound walls will be installed to reduce construction noise levels and minimize noise disturbances to the adjacent Downey Recreation Center building. All existing landscaping and structures will be protected in place. The construction work will be performed outside the summer season to avoid impacts on the park's summer camps and activities. The basketball courts' asphalt surface will be reconstructed to its existing condition once all sewer work is completed. BOE will be soliciting the Project for bid and managing the Project. All work performed at the Park will be coordinated with RAP staff by BOE. BOE's selected contractor will be performing this construction work at Albion Riverside Park, and the work requirements and restrictions for the work have been included in the project plans (Attachment No. 2). RAP staff has determined this construction work is necessary in order to reduce the chance of sinkholes and sewage spills at Albion Riverside Park.

The BOE's selected contractor will only access the outdoor basketball court work area at the Park through the Park gate on Avenue 17. This access route will remain accessible for RAP staff at all times during construction. All other areas of the Park will not be used for any work as part of this Project. The basketball court will be fully restored to its original pre-construction condition.

The Right of Entry will be executed with the BOE's selected contractor upon the award of the construction contract for the Project by the Board of Public Works.

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The Project was presented to the Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force on October 6, 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

The Project will not remove any trees and will protect in place all trees and landscaping.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of maintenance of existing facilities publicly owned utilities and replacement of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved May 10, 2022, this area resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this Project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction. This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of May 10, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) have not listed the Project site, but have listed 5 sites within 1000 feet of the project. The Regional Water Quality Control Board has already closed 3 of these sites: RB Case #: 900310052A, a leaking underground storage tank (LUST) in a former diary remediated in 2014, RB Case #: 900310052, another LUST in a diary, a case closed in 1996; RB Case #: 900310061, a LUST in an automotive repair site, a case closed in 2009. Case T0603700024 is an open cleanup program site, located west of the Los Angeles River but the site is inactive as no regulatory oversight activities are being conducted by Los Angeles County, the lead agency for the site. Due to the location and regulatory status, the sites are not anticipated to become an environmental concern for the Project. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. The proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources, but is located in an archaeological sensitive area. To avoid any substantial adverse change in the significance of any archaeological or paleontological resource the project will include a cultural resources management plan and retain a qualified archaeologist who, provide a worker training program, conduct archaeological monitoring, and adhere to protocols in the event archaeological resources or human remains are inadvertently discovered.

Based in this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(b) and 15302(c) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) and Class 2(5) of City CEQA Guidelines. Bureau of Engineering Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Project is fully funded by the City's Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund (SCM).

The Project will impact all sport and other activities held at the Park's outdoor basketball courts during September 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026. A financial impact assessment was completed by RAP staff due to the future closure of the outdoor basketball courts and determined a loss of \$28,420.96.

The BOE selected contractor will reimburse \$28,420.96 to offset RAP's financial loss for the construction work at the Park. This shall be a requirement for the issuance of the Right of Entry permit.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment No. 1 Vicinity Map
- 2) Attachment No. 2 Albion Riverside Park Work Area Project Plans



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