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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: MEASURE A – AUTHORIZE GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT TO THE PALMS RECREATION CENTER PLAY AREA PROJECT SCOPE

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M. Rudnick _____

B. Jones _____

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[Signature]

General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the change to the project scope for the Palms Recreation Center Project as detailed in this report, subject to review and approval by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Grantor).
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Park's (RAP) General Manager, or designee, to execute amendment to the Measure A grant agreement for the Project upon approval by Grantor, and subject to City Council approval and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY

In 2016, Los Angeles County (County) voters approved Measure A, which provides the City of Los Angeles formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2); competitive grants for capital improvement projects and recreational access programs under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3); Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); and additional competitive grants for Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5) as well as Implementation, Operations and Oversight Category. Additional annual allocations are available under Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collection of a parcel tax, with an estimated total annual funding of \$96.8 million across the County. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee as the administering entity for Measure A with

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RAP serving as the Grant Administrator (Council File 18-0611). The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Grantor) is the administrator of the Measure A Grant.

RAP received the grant award for this Project in June 2020. The grant was one of the first round of 15 awards which RAP applied for and received under Measure A's formula-based Categories 1 and 2 Annual Allocation Program. On February 6, 2020, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) authorized the submission of 15 capital improvement project applications for Measure A funds and acceptance of the grant funds upon award (Report No. 20-026), of which the Project was one. The Los Angeles City Council authorized the submission of the Measure A grant applications and acceptance of grant funds on April 22, 2020 (C.F. No. 20-0278)

The Project's original Measure A scope of work as submitted to the Grantor was as follows: Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements. The Project is located at 2950 Overland Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90064. The Measure A grant award is \$495,000.00. RAP completed the replacement of the playground which is now open to the public.

RAP staff recommends that this original scope be revised to state as follows: Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. RAP staff is recommending this change because it was determined after a detailed site assessment that only the existing playground and surfacing needed replacement as other proposed project elements were to RAP standards. Funding that will not be used due to the reduction in the Project scope will revert back to the Measure A study area for RAP's future use. The change will update the scope of work for the Project such that the Project as currently completed will be deemed completed under the Measure A grant agreement, enabling RAP to complete the administrative closeout of the grant under Measure A grant guidelines.

TREES AND SHADE

The change to the Project's scope of work as set forth in this Report will have no impact on existing trees or shade structures at Palms Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Project is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. A CEQA exemption was approved by the Board OF Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) on June 18, 2020. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on August 11, 2020.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no expected fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund due to the scope of work change for the Project.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's strategic plan by supporting:

Goal No. 3: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 1: Safe and welcoming environments at all parks

Result: The Measure A grant has funded the replacement of the playground at Palms Recreation Center.

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