

APPROVED

Nov 20 2025

BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 25-202

DATE November 20, 2025

C.D. 10

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MICHELLE AND BARACK OBAMA SPORTS COMPLEX AT RANCHO CIENEGA PARK – GRANT OF RIGHT FOR LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER FACILITIES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301 [OPERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, PERMITTING, LEASING, LICENSING, OR MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, OR TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF EXISTING OR FORMER USE] AND SECTION 15303(d) [CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL STRUCTURES SUCH AS WATER MAIN, SEWAGE, ELECTRICAL, GAS, AND OTHER UTILITY EXTENSIONS, INCLUDING STREET IMPROVEMENTS, OF REASONABLE LENGTH TO SERVE SUCH CONSTRUCTION] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AS WELL AS ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(14) AND CLASS 3(5) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre _____ for M. Rudnick _____
B. Jones _____ C. Santo Domingo DF
C. Stoneham _____ N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the use of a portion of Rancho Cienega Park for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an underground power line for the transmission and distribution of electric energy and communications signals to the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex, as further described in the Summary of this Report (Project);
2. Approve the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) request for a Grant of Right, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, for the use of the subject portion of Rancho Cienega Park for the construction, operation, and maintenance of subsurface utilities as described in the Summary of this Report;
3. Direct RAP staff to work with staff from LADWP, General Services Department (GSD), and City Attorney in the processing of the Grant of Right to LADWP;
4. Adopt the Resolution, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, authorizing the Grant of Right to LADWP;

BOARD REPORT

PG. 2 NO. 25-202

5. Request that GSD and the City Attorney's Office assist in the drafting, reviewing, processing, and execution of all documentation necessary to grant and record the Grant of Right to LADWP;
6. Determine that approval of the Grant of Right to LADWP and related activities (Project) are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use] and Section 15303(d) [Construction of small structures such as water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) and Class 3(5) of City CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation;
7. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE;
8. Upon receipt of necessary approvals, authorize the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) Secretary and President to execute the Grant of Right; and,
9. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

The Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex at Rancho Cienega Park (Complex) is located at 5001 Obama Boulevard. This 28.97-acre (1,261,933.2 square foot) facility contains many sports amenities, including the Celes King III Swimming Pool, Jackie Robinson Stadium, Arthur Ashe Tennis Center, Charmette Bonpua Safe Skate Spot, Lonnie Wilson, Jr. Gymnasium, and more. This is a Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) park which offers sports programming, arts and crafts, and children and teen programming.

The Rancho Cienega Master Plan and Rehabilitation Project (Project) included the design and construction of the Complex, in addition to the rehabilitation of the existing sports fields, walkways, play areas, parking, maintenance yards, and park infrastructure. As part of the renovation Project, LADWP requires a Grant of Right to provide utility services to the Complex. RAP received a request from LADWP for a Grant of Right to a 0.04-acre (1,874 square foot) portion of Rancho Cienega Park to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of underground utilities for the transmission and distribution of electric energy and communications signals throughout the Complex. RAP staff has reviewed the request from LADWP and recommends that the Board grant the request. The approval of the proposed Grant of Right will not be a detriment to RAP operations.

BOARD REPORT

PG. 3 NO. 25-202

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Grant of Right will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Rancho Cienega Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of granting rights to install and extend underground utilities.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on July 8, 2025, this site is located within a liquefaction zone; however, the proposed Project will not increase the risk of liquefaction. The site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic protection zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact 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 July 8, 2025, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site. They listed sites T0603700557 and 60001448 within 1,000 feet of the site. The first is a leaking underground storage tank of a former gas station; the Regional Water Quality Control Board closed the case in 1996 after remediation. The second is a school site, where methane has been detected, and additional investigation is required. Neither of the sites constitutes a threat to the project site. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within or adjacent to the Project site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not within a historic site and will not have any significant effect on historic resources.

Based on this information, staff recommends that the Board determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 3, Section 15301 and 15303(d) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III Section 1, Class 1(14) and 3(5) of City CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this Report will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

This Report was prepared by Bryan Miller, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, Department of Recreation and Parks.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

Exhibit A – Grant of Right

Exhibit B – Resolution

WHEN RECORDED, MAIL TO:

Department of Water and Power
Real Estate Services
221 N. Figueroa Street, Room 1600
Los Angeles, CA 90051-0100

GRANT OF RIGHT

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation, acting on its own behalf, and by and through its BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ("Grantor"), hereby grant unto the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation, by and through its BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ("Grantee") the exclusive right-of-way to construct, maintain, and operate a line or lines of poles or conduits, together with conductors, wires, vaults, manholes, appurtenant structures and equipment, both overhead and underground, for the transmission and distribution of electric energy and communications signals through certain real property owned by the City of Los Angeles (Authorized Use) under the management and control of the Grantor in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" (Authorized Site) , together with all necessary or convenient means of ingress to and egress from said land and property for the purpose of exercising the rights herein granted.

Grantor(s) will exercise only such reserved rights in said Authorized Site as will not interfere with or prohibit the free and complete use and enjoyment by Grantee, its successors or assigns, of the rights hereby granted. Grantee shall have the right to top, cut, or trim interfering plants. Grantee shall also have the right to keep said Authorized Site free from and to prevent any person, including Grantor(s) and his/her/their successors and assigns, from erecting, placing, or parking in said Authorized Site any flammables or other hazards and any structures, objects, or other obstructions.

Dated _____

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BY
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____

And _____
Secretary

Authorized by:
Resolution No. _____
Adopted _____
Ordinance No. _____
Approved _____
Council File No. _____

ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF _____)

On _____ before me, _____
Notary Public, personally appeared _____

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature _____

ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF _____)

On _____ before me, _____
Notary Public, personally appeared _____

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by the deed or grant dated _____ from THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation, acting on its own behalf, and by and through the DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES to the City of Los Angeles, a municipal corporation, is hereby accepted by order of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles by the undersigned officer on behalf of said Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles pursuant to authority conferred by Resolution of said Board adopted on July 11, 2023, and the grantee consents to the recordation thereof by its duly authorized officer.

Dated _____

By _____
ADRIANA RUBALCAVA
DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE

Exhibit "A"

Easement for Underground Utilities

Legal Description

A portion of the Rancho Cienega O'Paso De La Tijera, in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, being a portion of the parcel of land described in the Deed recorded August 24, 1936 in Book 14364, Page 129 of official records, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the intersection of the centerline of the Exposition Boulevard "South Road", 40.00 feet wide, as shown on Parcel Map L.A. No. 5692, recorded on Book 197, Pages 55 and 56, in the office of the county recorder of said county, with the northerly prolongation of the easterly line of Parcel C of said Parcel Map; thence South 00°00'11" East a distance of 9.06 feet along said prolongation to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**; thence continuing along said easterly line South 00° 00' 11" East a distance of 10.06 feet to a line parallel with and distant 19.00 feet southerly, measured at right angles, from the easterly prolongation of the centerline of said Exposition Boulevard; thence leaving said easterly line, along said parallel line, South 83° 37' 32" East a distance of 17.13 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve, concave southwesterly, having a radius of 29.00 feet and being tangent at its point of ending to a line parallel with and distant 42.80 feet easterly, measured at right angles, from said easterly line of Parcel C of Parcel Map 5692; thence easterly, southeasterly and southerly along said curve to said point of ending; thence along last said parallel line, South 00° 00' 11" East a distance of 33.75 feet; thence North 89° 59' 49" East a distance of 19.00 feet along a line perpendicular to last said course; thence North 00° 00' 11" West a distance of 67.63 feet along a line perpendicular to last mentioned course, to a line parallel with and distant 9.00 feet southerly, measured at right angles, from aforementioned easterly prolongation of the centerline of said southerly Exposition Boulevard; thence along last said parallel line North 83° 37' 32" West a distance of 62.18 feet to the northerly prolongation of said easterly line of Parcel C of said Parcel Map, said point also being the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Containing 1,874 square feet, more or less.

As shown on Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Reviewed by

Surveys & Right-of-Way Group

Water Engineering & Technical Services

City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Senior Survey Supervisor

3/12/2020
Date

SHEET 1 OF 2



SCALE: 1"=40'

EXHIBIT "B"

MAP TO ACCOMPANY LEGAL

THAT PORTION OF THE PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED ON AUGUST 24, 1936 IN BOOK 14364, PAGE 129 OF DEEDS, OFFICIAL RECORDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BEING A PORTION OF THE RANCHO CIENEGA O'PASO DE LA TUERA

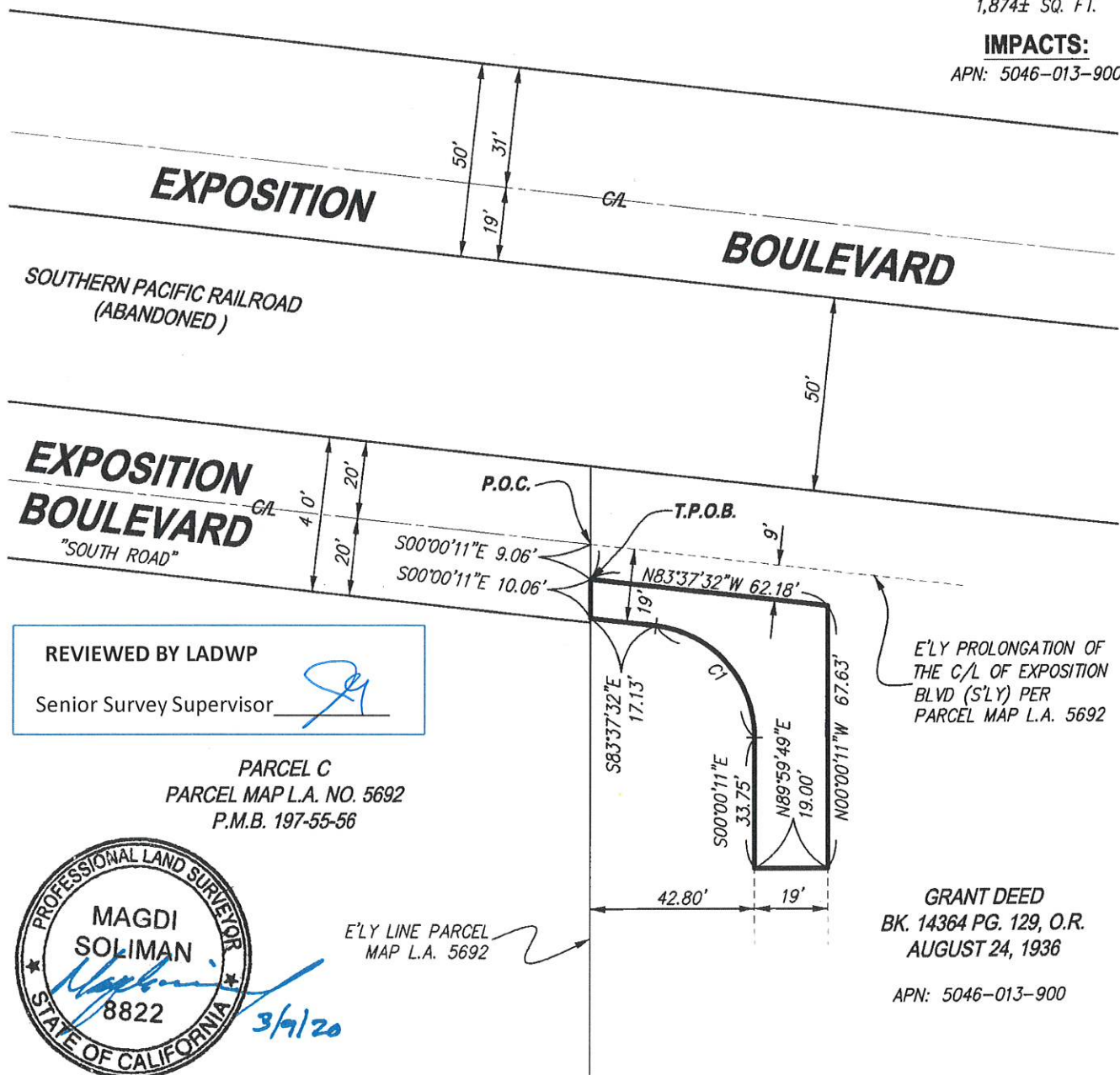
| NO. | DELTA | RADIUS | LENGTH |
|-----|-----------|--------|--------|
| C1 | 83°37'21" | 29.00' | 42.33' |

**AREA:**

1,874± SQ. FT.

IMPACTS:

APN: 5046-013-900



RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has jurisdiction over the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex at Rancho Cienega Park (Complex), a 28.97-acre (1,261,933.2 square foot) facility located at 5001 Obama Boulevard;

WHEREAS, RAP, through its Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, has completed work on the Rancho Cienega Master Plan and Rehabilitation Project (Project);

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the design and construction of the Complex, in addition to the rehabilitation of the existing sports fields, walkways, play areas, parking, maintenance yards, and park infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) requires a Grant of Right for the use of the subject portion of Rancho Cienega Park to provide utilities to the Complex;

WHEREAS, the Grant of Right includes the right to use the subject portion of Rancho Cienega Park for the construction, operation, and maintenance of subsurface utilities;

WHEREAS, approval of the proposed Grant of Right will not be a detriment to RAP operations;

WHEREAS, the Board has directed the Board Secretary to concurrently transmit forthwith the proposed Grant of Right to the City Attorney for review as to form and legality;

WHEREAS, the Board has authorized RAP staff to request the assistance of LADWP, the Department of General Services (GSD), and the Office of the City Attorney in the drafting, reviewing, processing, and execution of the related documents, including but not limited to the Grant of Right; and,

WHEREAS, upon the receipt of the necessary approvals, the Board authorizes the Board President and Secretary to execute the Grant of Right, subject to City Attorney review and approval as to form and legality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the construction, operation, and maintenance of electrical utility equipment within the subject portion of Rancho Cienega Park;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds and determines that the public interest, convenience, and necessity require that the Grant of Right be granted to LADWP for the Project, and the Board President is authorized to execute the Agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon Board approval of the Grant of Right to LADWP, staff is authorized to request the assistance of LADWP, the General Services Department, and the City Attorney's Office to draft and process any required documents necessary to execute said agreement.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on _____, 202____ (Board Report. No. _____).

Takisha Sardin, Board Secretary

Resolution No. _____