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BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 25-205

DATE November 20, 2025

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SUBJECT: HANSEN DAM AQUATIC CENTER – APPROVAL OF PEDAL BOAT RENTAL PROGRAM – EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15304 [MINOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ALTERATIONS IN THE CONDITION OF LAND, WATER, AND/OR VEGETATION WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE REMOVAL OF HEALTHY, MATURE, SCENIC TREES EXCEPT FOR FORESTRY OR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AS WELL AS ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 4 OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize implementation of the pedal boat rental program (Program) as a year-round recreational offering to increase access and engagement at the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center, as described further in this Report;
2. Determine that approval of the Program (Project) is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304 [minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 4 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;
3. Authorize the RAP 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; and,
4. Authorize staff to make any technical changes as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) proposes the launch of a new pedal boat rental program (Program) at the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center. The Program will feature eight pedal boats, each with a capacity of up to four individuals, and will operate year-round. This initiative is designed to expand recreational opportunities in the Northeast San Fernando Valley and foster increased community use of the lake area and was developed in partnership with the Office of Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez (CD7). The Program will be safely operated by RAP staff and include mandatory life jackets for all participants.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Report will have no impact on existing trees and shade at the facility.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of minor use of land or water having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on August 14, 2025, this site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic protection zone. It is located in the liquefaction zone, but its implementation will not increase the risks associated with liquefaction, 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 August 14, 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 or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). 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 an 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 exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304 of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 4 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 Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund as a result of approving the Program.

This Report was prepared by Gary Singer, Superintendent – Aquatics & Emergency Management