

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-166

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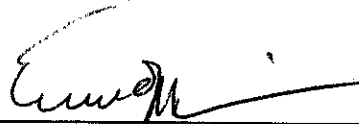
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: E. DEBS PARK - PARK DEVELOPMENT (#1167A) - APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. Final plans and specifications be approved; and,
2. The date for bids be advertised as Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

Submitted are final plans and specifications for the E. Debs Park - Park Development (#1167A) project, located at 4235 Monterey Rd., Montecito Heights, CA 90032. The plans were prepared by the Department's in-house staff, MB&A, consultant mechanical engineers, Wheeler & Grey, consultant engineers, David Evans and Associates, landscape consultants, and the Bureau of Engineering, Electrical Group. The plans call for the refurbishment of the existing road and parking lot, drainage improvements, new water mainline for fire protection, new water mainline for irrigation and a new domestic water mainline. The plans also call for the refurbishment of two existing ballfields on the area known as Rose Hill Park in Debs Park, which will include a new automated irrigation system, refurbished backstops, refurbished infield, refurbished sports turf, concrete paving and lighting. Included in the plans is the construction of an pedestrian entrance at the southern tip of Debs Park, at the corner of Boundary Ave. and Mercury Ave., which is being described as the "Native Terraced Gardens" and will include planting of native plant species, grading, concrete stairs, D.G. path walkway, boulder installation, erosion control, automated irrigation system, fencing, new driveway and new sidewalk. In addition to these improvements, the plans also call for the installation of a new gazebo, refurbishment of an asphalt service road, pond renovation, new water fall installation, planting and irrigation improvements along the upper ridge-line area of Debs Park, know as Area III.

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The area described as Area III of Debs Park is to be managed by the Department in coordination with the Audubon Society. Through the use of a Land Use Agreement the Department is working in a collaborative effort with Audubon to improve Debs Park. With this in mind, the improvements in Area III are to be limited at this time to the installation of the gazebo, the service road repairs, and water lines. The Pond renovations and the adjacent improvements, including the waterfall, retaining wall, paving, planting and irrigation will not be constructed as part of this project. The inclusion of these items in the plans are for bidding purposes only and will be labeled as additive alternates.

The construction cost estimate for the complete project is \$1,950,000.00. Funds for construction are available from Prop A, Fund 302, Account 927PS, and Prop K funds, Fund 43R, Account R364.

This project is a recipient of Proposition A funds in the amount of \$650,000.00. On November 6, 1996, the Board determined that the level of Youth at Risk employment should be determined to be a minimum of 15% of the labor cost; therefore, \$32,500.00 is the minimum amount that the contractor must dedicate for the employment of youth.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has determined that the proposed improvements will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Mitigated negative declaration was adopted by the Board at its regular meeting on May 17, 2000. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles City and County and County Clerks on May 23, 2000.

The bid package has been approved by the City Attorney's Office.

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