

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-85

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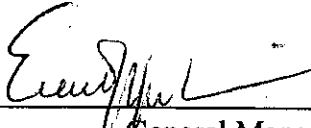
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES TO CONSTRUCT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT HANSEN DAM AREA DRONFIELD ENTRANCE (#1165A)



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Accept final plans and specifications;
2. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Street Services, to provide construction services at the Hansen Dam Area Dronfield Entrance (#1165A); and
3. Authorize the Director of Finance to reimburse the General Fund from Los Angeles County Proposition A funds for an appropriation needed to begin the project.

SUMMARY:

The Planning and Construction Division has had plans prepared for street improvements at Hansen Dam in the vicinity of Osborne Avenue and Dronfield Street. The westerly portion of Hansen Dam Recreation Center is in the process of receiving many new improvements, the recreation and swim lake, a new boundless playground, and the Children's Museum. The street improvements are necessary to accommodate the increase in traffic and provide adequate parking. The plans call for: widening the entry road at Dronfield Street; providing new paving and curbs on old Kagel Canyon Boulevard within the park; constructing a new parking lot at the northerly terminus of Kagel Canyon Boulevard; and repaving other parking areas.

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The street improvements detailed in the plans are particularly suited to construction by the Bureau of Street Services. Each improvement area is a distinct improvement, with most of the improvements outside the public right-of-way. Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Street Services have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding to govern the construction of these improvements.

The original funding for the Hansen Dam Area Dronfield Entrance (#1165A) project was from Proposition A. With the assistance of the Council Office, the Department also received funding from the Federal Government under the Bestea program. There are sufficient funds in Proposition A, (\$1,380,000.00) and Bestea (\$750,000.00), to construct this project. Since both funding sources are reimbursable, the Council Office has agreed to seek a reimbursable appropriation from the City's General Fund to advance the funds to the Bureau of Street Services.

Recreation and Parks will assemble and submit the invoices to seek reimbursement of the General Fund appropriation from Los Angeles County Proposition A funds.

The term of the MOU is for three years, but both parties feel the improvements can be accomplished in six to eight months. The Proposition A funding requires the use of youth in the construction process. The Bureau of Street Services has determined that \$50,000.00 of their work will be designated for the hiring of youth workers. A copy of the of the MOU is attached for reference.

Staff has determined that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Classes 1 (3, 13, 20, 26), 3 (12), 5 (3) and 11 (2) of the City's CEQA Guidelines.

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