

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-06

DATE January 9, 2002

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SLAUSON/COMPTON PARK - PARK DEVELOPMENT (#1189B) - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board

1. Accept the work performed under a park development agreement between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the Department (project #1189B);
2. Authorize the Department's Director of Finance to release all remaining monies 35 calendar days after acceptance by the Board of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority under the park development agreement; and,
3. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority with a letter of completion.

SUMMARY:

On November 5, 1997, the Board approved the execution of a park development agreement between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC), the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and the Department (Report No. 478-97). The subject 8.2 acre property located on the north east corner of Slauson Avenue and Compton Avenue is owned by the Department of Water and Power (DWP). The subject property was formerly used as a pipe yard and is no longer needed by DWP. The Board of Water and Power Commissioners approved the execution of a lease agreement for a consideration of one dollar a year, allowing the Department to utilize the subject property to construct a natural park environment.

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The SMMC and the MRCA worked with the Department to facilitate the construction of the natural park environment on the subject property. The Park Development Agreement allows the SMMC and MRCA to have jurisdiction over the subject property and perform the required construction and maintenance services at no cost to the Department. The budget for the construction of the park was \$4,710,000.00. The funding sources are as follows: \$2,000,000.00 from Prop A for development and construction, \$1,500,000.00 from Prop K for development and maintenance, \$250,000.00 from a state grant and \$960,000.00 from Proposition 12. The SMMC and the MRCA was responsible for submitting the application for Prop A funding. The City was responsible for making Prop K funds available to the SMMC and the MRCA. All necessary services, maintenance and security requirements are the responsibility of SMMC and the MRCA. These include the following: law enforcement (rangers); grounds keeping services; operation of the visitor facilities; custodial services; and other necessary services.

The park development attempts to replicate the natural area as found on the outskirts of the City of Los Angeles. Small samples of the habitats found in the Santa Monica Mountains were reproduced. Specific emphasis was place on the following: Riparian Woodland, Freshwater Marshes, Oak Woodland, Grassland/Meadow, and Chaparral Community. A central lawn area which allows for picnicking and other passive recreation is surrounded by rolling hills, each planted to represent a separate eco-system. The park also includes a self guided nature trail that allows visitors to explore each of these areas. The park has two (2) amphitheaters, a 4,750 square foot exhibit hall and residence, a 1,399 square foot maintenance/restroom building, a fountain, and a 50 car parking lot.

The park was completed on April 7, 2000, and the SMMC has received a Certificate of Occupancy.

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