

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 03-310

DATE October 1, 2003

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SEPULVEDA BASIN EAST – LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS (#1275B) – APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

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 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve final plans and specifications that have been reviewed by the City Attorney as to form; and,
2. Approve the date for receipt of bids as Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at 3:00 PM, in the Board Room.

SUMMARY:

Submitted are final plans and specifications for the Sepulveda Basin East – Landscape Improvements (#1275B) project, located at 6335 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, as prepared by the Design Division.

The proposed construction involves the widening of the driveway, installation of improved facilities signage, and the landscaping of the entrance to the Valley Region Headquarters, starting at Woodley Avenue and continuing along the fence adjacent to the Infantry Armory Army Reserve Facility. The landscaping will consist of California native plants. A new 52-car parking lot will be constructed adjacent to the Valley Region Headquarters. Native landscaping will be planted around the parking lot. A single rhino gate will be constructed across the driveway at Woodley Avenue. A small picnic area which includes an irrigation system, picnic tables, trees, planting areas and decomposed granite, will be developed adjacent to the Valley Region Headquarters. This project will benefit the patrons that frequent the golf course or Lake Balboa by improving visibility of the entrance and providing additional parking.

The construction cost estimate for the complete project is \$589,546.00. Funds for construction are available from Quimby Funds, Fund 302, Account 460KFS, Prop A, Fund 205, Account No.H900 and a grant from Department of Water and Power, Fund 205 Department 88 Appropriation Account SO19 Revenue Source 4153. Department of Water and Power awarded Recreation and Parks \$75,000.00 for implementing a native plant palette in the design. The approximate amount required for Youth at Risk is \$14,480.00.

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In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Department filed a Notice of Exemption on January 8, 1998. Staff has determined the subject project is exempt from provisions of CEQA, pursuant to Article III, Section 3, Class 3, Category 6 and Section 1(c) and Class 11 Category 3, Section 1(k), of the City CEQA Guidelines. The plans have been approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for BMP's (Best Management Practices) regarding the drainage of the parking lot.

Prepared by Jane Adrian, Project Manager.