

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 04-21

DATE January 21, 2004

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER DONATION FOR NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPE GARDEN AT SEPULVEDA BASIN EAST

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board accept the \$75,000 donation and recognize the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for its generous support of the Sepulveda Basin East demonstration garden. As an acknowledged leader in water conservation, LADWP recognizes the educational value that the proposed project represents in promoting the use of native plants and proper irrigation techniques to achieve significant savings in outdoor water use, while demonstrating the beauty of the native plant palette.

SUMMARY:

On February 28, 2003, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), in partnership with LADWP, submitted a proposal for a \$75,000 grant sponsored by the Southern California Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) "City Makeover Program." This was a competitive grant program providing funding in the amount of \$75,000 for new California native and drought tolerant themed landscapes in prominent public locations. There were 43 applicants, with only one award available for each of the six counties within MWD's service area. Although RAP did not receive the Los Angeles County area MWD award, LADWP has elected to donate the \$75,000 amount to the Department to enable it to implement its plan for a native demonstration garden at the site. Staff recommends that the Board accept the donation from LADWP and that the proper recognition be given to the donor as represented by its General Manager David H. Wiggs, its Assistant General Manager of Water Services Gerald A. Gewe, and its Water Conservation Manager Thomas Gackstetter. The donation shall be deposited to Fund 205, Department 88, Appropriation Account Number 021S.

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