

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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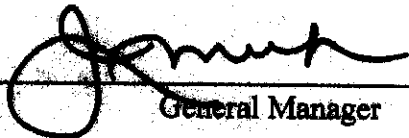
DATE March 17, 2004

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ANTHONY C. BEILENSON PARK; APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROJECT COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1, on file in the Board Office, to the Project Cooperation Agreement with the Department of the Army with respect to the Anthony C. Beilenson Park in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area; and
2. Direct the Board Secretary to forward said Amendment concurrently to the Mayor for Executive Directive 16 review and the City Attorney for approval as to form, and upon obtaining the required approvals, authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendment.

SUMMARY:

The Department has a long-term lease from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for approximately 1,500 acres known as the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area. This lease has allowed the development of varied recreational facilities, including the 80-acre Anthony C. Beilenson Park, located at 6200 Balboa Boulevard and named for a Congressman who was also a parks advocate, especially for the area around Lake Balboa.

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Since the early 1980s, a "Project Cooperation Agreement" is the mechanism by which the Department and the Corps have planned and managed the development or refurbishment of the facilities in the Recreation Area when there is federal funding involved. The City previously approved an Agreement affecting several sites, including Beilenson Park. The Agreement was executed on April 18, 1995.

Subsequently, additional recreational development totaling \$700,000 was authorized by the Energy and Water Development Act of 1997. There was provision for the construction and operation of the following amenities at Beilenson Park between Bull Creek and Lake Balboa: a pedestrian bridge over the creek to the wildlife area, an asphalt vehicle turnaround road for improved access to the wildlife area, a restroom and benches. The Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers has now identified a contractor, ACE Engineering, Inc., and has scheduled the construction of the amenities to proceed.

The Cooperation Agreements are essentially cost-sharing mechanisms and expenditure plans for specific projects. The Corps contracts out the work and manages the projects with input from the Department. Costs are split evenly between the two entities. Among other, technical updates, this proposed amendment acknowledges the additional federal funding of \$700,000 in "hard dollars" for the Beilenson improvements and credits the City for \$700,000 in matching costs. The City's matching costs resulted from the inclusion of in-kind credit totaling \$400,000 for improvements to Pedlow Field Skate Park and \$300,000 for the construction of multi-use paths along Woodley Avenue and Burbank Boulevard. These improvements were completed in 2001. Therefore, approval of this Amendment will reflect the City's past contribution to the Recreation Area, as well as support the expenditure of additional federal funds allocated for improvements. The City Attorney participated in negotiating the terms of the Amendment.

The Assistant General Manager and Superintendent of Operations West and the Councilmember for the Sixth District concur with staff's recommendations.

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