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ARROYO SECO PARK - AVENUE 64 PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT SUBJECT: (PRJ21589) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(c) [MINOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING HIGHWAYS AND STREETS, SIDEWALKS, GUTTERS, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS, AND SIMILAR], 15301(I)(4) [DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF ACCESSORY (APPURTENANT) STRUCTURES], 15303(e) **INSTALLATION** OF ACCESSORY (APPURTENANT) STRUCTURES INCLUDING GARAGES, CARPORTS, PATIOS, SWIMMING POOLS, AND FENCES], 15304(b) [NEW GARDENING OR LANDSCAPING], AND 15311(a) [ON-PREMISE SIGNS] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1, CLASS 1(3), CLASS 1(11)(D), CLASS 3(6), CLASS 4(3) AND CLASS 11(1) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Arroyo Seco Park Avenue 64 Playground Replacement (PRJ21589) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
- 2. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
- 3. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Board Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
- 4. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(c) [Minor alterations of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar], 15301(I)(4) [Demolition and removal of accessory (appurtenant) structures], 15303(e) [Installation of accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences], 15304(b)

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[New gardening or landscaping], and 15311(a) [On-premise signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Class 1(3), Class 1(11)(d), Class 3(6), Class 4(3) and Class 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research;

- 5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE; and,
- 6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

<u>SUMMARY</u>

Arroyo Seco Park (Park) is located at 5568 Via Marisol in the Arroyo Seco community of the City. This 85.97-acre park provides tennis courts, playgrounds, baseball diamonds, a dog park and picnic areas for the surrounding community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features and programs it provides, Arroyo Seco Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Installation of new ADA parking.
- Demolition of the existing playground, restrooms and related structures.
- Installation of new playground and fitness equipment.
- Installation of new restroom.
- Installation of concrete paving.
- Installation of new modular pumptrack.
- Installation of new natural turf.
- Installation of new site amenities, including benches, trash receptacles, and signage.

PROJECT FUNDING

The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included \$75,000,000.00 in the Unappropriated Balance for RAP to make capital improvements at City parks and facilities (Council File No. 21-0935). In response, RAP developed a capital improvement plan to utilize this \$75,000,000.00 in funds to complete various park projects citywide. This Project is one of the park projects that RAP has identified for the use of these funds.

The total amount of funding available for the Project is \$3,443,118.61, which is the total budget inclusive of the budget contingency amount set forth below.

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See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project:

On-Call Contract	Contingency Amount
Park Facility Construction	\$618,480.00
Playground Construction	\$212,277.00
Electrical Construction	\$32,500.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Deferred	302/89/89727H	\$3,443,118.61	100%
Maintenance			
Total		\$3,443,118.61	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

It is unknown at this time if sufficient funding has been identified for the Project. However, RAP plans to proceed with the implementation of the Project with the available funding and will return to the Board, if necessary, to seek approval of any additional needed funding.

Phase	Duration	
Predesign	March 2024 – June 2024	
Design	June 2024 – August 2024	
Bid and Award	September 2024 – November 2024	
Construction	December 2024 – May 2025	
Post Construction	June 2025 – November 2025	

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Arroyo Seco Park.

The proposed new playground includes an integrated shade topper.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of:

- installation of new ADA parking, consistent with minor alterations of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities;
- demolition of the existing playground, restrooms and related structures, consistent with demolition and removal of accessory (appurtenant) structures;
- installation of new playground and fitness equipment, new restroom, concrete paving, new modular pumptrack and site amenities, consistent with new installation of accessory structures;

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- installation of new natural turf, consistent with installation of new landscaping; and
- installation of new signage.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on September 5, 2024, the Project site is located in a liquefaction zone, but the construction of this Project will not create conditions that could expose patrons of the park to increased risk of liquefaction. This site is not within a coastal or methane zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of September 5, 2024, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (CTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at www.geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov) have listed the following cases within 1,000 feet of the Project area: Case #T0603701003, RB Case #9004200, Case #T060370100, RB Case #900420025, Case #T0603701004, and RB Case #900420052. These cases concerned leaking underground storage tanks, and the first two cases were closed after remediation on August 12, 1996 and October 24, 1996, with only the final case remaining open but under remediation as of September 22, 2010. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, the Arroyo Seco Parkway, adjacent to the proposed Project site, is a Federally recognized scenic highway and is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places (No. 10001198). The nature of the Project is such that it will not significantly affect the historic characteristics of the site, nor damage any scenic resource.

Based on this information, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c), Section 15301(l4), Section 15303(e), Section 15304(b) and Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 1(11)(d), Class 2, Class 3(6), Class 4(3) and Class 11(a) of City CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Deferred Maintenance, or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1) Attachment 1 – Title Sheet

