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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER (PROP 40 YS) – PROJECT SCOPE AMENDMENT NO. 2 – VAN NUYS RECREATION CENTER SOCCER FIELD PROJECT (PRJ21065) – CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(c) [MINOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING HIGHWAYS AND STREETS, SIDEWALKS, GUTTERS, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS, AND SIMILAR FACILITIES], SECTION 15302 [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] AND SECTION 15303(e) [LOCATION OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF ACCESSORY (APPURTENANT) STRUCTURES INCLUDING GARAGES, CARPORTS, PATIOS, SWIMMING POOLS, AND FENCES] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3), CLASS 2 AND CLASS 11(6) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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B. Jones _____

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General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to amend the project scope for the Proposition 40 Youth Soccer Van Nuys Recreation Center Synthetic Field Project (PRJ21065) (Project), subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council as follows:

FROM:

To install a new synthetic turf soccer field, irrigation system upgrades, fencing, sports netting, lighting, one ADA parking space, one motorcycle parking space, and provide an accessible path of travel from parking lot to synthetic field and from synthetic field to restrooms.

TO:

To install a new synthetic turf soccer field, irrigation system upgrades, fencing, sports netting, lighting **and security cameras**, one ADA parking space, one motorcycle parking

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space, and provide an accessible path of travel from parking lot to synthetic field and from synthetic field to restrooms.

2. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Minor alterations of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities], Section 15302 [Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity] and Section 15303(e) [Location of a limited number of Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2 and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research upon the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' approval.
3. Authorize the RAP 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.
4. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

In March 2016, the California Department of Parks and Recreation released the Proposition 40 Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program (Prop 40 YS) Notice of Funding Availability advising that approximately \$16 to \$23 million was available to fund new and rehabilitated youth soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball recreation facilities located within density populated, low income, high crime areas. Grant applications were due by November 1, 2016.

In October 2017, the State awarded the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), the Prop 40 YS grant of \$980,376 for the Van Nuys Recreation Center Soccer Field Project (Project). The Project has a grant performance period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2025, to complete construction, close grant, and open the improved facility to the public (Report No. 16-217, October 4, 2016; Report No. 16-246, December 14, 2016; and Council File No. 16-1156, _12/14/2016

In December 2016, the Project was also awarded a Proposition 1C Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP) grant of \$1,143,350.00 (Report No. 16-013, January 20, 2016; and Council File No. 14-0996, February 17, 2016). The HRPP grant has a liquidation of September 30, 2018 and a shorter grant performance period. Under the HRPP grant, the new synthetic soccer field at the Van Nuys Recreation Center, irrigation upgrades and an accessible path of travel from the parking lot to synthetic field and from synthetic field to restrooms were completed by the HRPP grant liquidation date.

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Under the Prop 40 YS, RAP staff has completed the fencing around the synthetic multi-purpose field and replaced fencing along the Van Nuys Recreation Center facility and the sports netting installation for the futsal. There is still a Prop 40 YS balance of \$771,642 to be spent on soccer-related amenities.

RAP staff reached out to State Parks and requested that the Project scope be modified to include security cameras with the Project's lighting, which was an earlier addition to the Project scope (Board Report No. 22-275, October 20, 2022). State Parks approved the requested addition of security cameras, pending the approval of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board). Once approved, the Prop 40 YS grant would cover the addition of security cameras to the Project scope.

In order to amend the Project scope under the Prop 40 YS guidelines, RAP is required to submit the following documents to the State Parks:

1. A proposal letter signed by the authorized representative with the proposed amendment to the Project scope.
2. A revised Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form.
3. A new CEQA Compliance Certification Form with the CEQA Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption on the additional scope elements if applicable.
4. A revised site plan (if appropriate) showing the additional recreational features or support amenities.

This amended Project scope would need to be completed before the Prop 40 YS liquidation date of June 30, 2025.

TREES AND SHADE

The Project does not require any trees to be removed. The proposed amendment to the Project scope focuses on security cameras; additional trees and shade structures are not part of the amended scope.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of minor alterations to existing streets and similar public facilities, replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced and the installation of accessory structures including fencing.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved March 28, 2024, this area partially resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this Project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction. This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic 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

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other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of March 28, 2024, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site, although they listed Case N. 60000083 near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). On the site addressed in Case N. 60000083, the soil was contaminated by lead and later remediated to build a school; SWRCB closed the case in 2009 when the school was completed. The Project site is not listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5(c) or any contaminated sites. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, RAP staff recommends that the 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 15302 and Section 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2 and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk and with the California Office of Planning and Research upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the proposed Project is not completed by June 30, 2025, RAP will need to return any unspent Prop 40 YS Grant funds. There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund. However, future maintenance costs for Van Nuys Recreation Center will be adjusted in the next fiscal year budget for the LED lighting and security cameras upgrade, fencing, and for ADA and motorcycle parking spaces.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1:	Provide Safe and Accessible Parks
Outcome No. 1:	Every Angeleno has walkable access to a park in their neighborhood
Key Metric:	Percentage of Angelenos with park access within a ½ mile radius of their home
Target:	60% by 2022
Result:	The upgrade of security cameras to the Project will provide the approximately 14,186 residents in the ½ mile radius of the park with safe and extended access to recreational facilities.

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