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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

October 11, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
RUBEN INGOLD SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION – ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
SPECS. 7171; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87125
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action will allow the Department of Public Works to carry out the Ruben Ingold Slope Stabilization Project, Capital Project No. 87125, and approve appropriation adjustment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the Ruben Ingold Slope Stabilization Project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act for reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the Project.
2. Establish Capital Project No. 87125 for the Ruben Ingold Slope Stabilization Project and approve the \$445,000 total Project budget.
3. Approve the appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$220,000 for the proposed Ruben Ingold Slope Stabilization Project, Capital Project No. 87125.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 October 11, 2011

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to find that the Ruben Ingold Slope Stabilization Project (Project) is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to establish Capital Project No. 87125, enabling the County to repair the distressed slope at Ruben Ingold Park at 4400 Mount Vernon Drive in the Windsor/Baldwin Hills area of the City of Los Angeles.

In 2008, sections of the slope were removed and recompacted for slope stabilization. Roots from adjacent trees were encountered during the compaction of the slope. Compaction was difficult due to the presence of the tree roots.

In October 2010, cracks were discovered along an approximately 150-linear-foot section of the walking track at Ruben Ingold Park in the western edge of an existing slope. To reduce a tripping hazard to pedestrians, the cracks were temporarily patched and cautionary strips were painted on the track.

In August 2011, site observations indicated further cracking with an extended length of approximately 260 feet. An updated geotechnical recommendation, prepared by the Department of Public Works (Public Works), indicates slope repairs to stabilize the slope and minimize future cracking on the walking track. The proposed scope includes removal of the upper five feet of soil, including all tree roots, and recompaction of the existing fill, replacement of slope vegetation, track base material, and the damaged track. Potential removal and replacement of three trees located adjacent to the repair areas may be required to ensure proper compaction of the slope. In addition, new plant materials and native vegetation will be installed in the park, as noted in the specifications prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks and Recreation).

Public Works will deliver the Project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

The Project will support your Board's Sustainable Design Program by reusing the existing fill material to repair the slope and by using recycled materials to resurface the track.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed project supports the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational opportunities for County residents.

These actions meet the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by providing improved safe recreational facilities to the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total Project cost, including construction, change orders, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services is estimated at \$445,000. The project is funded by \$163,000 in Second District Capital Project net County cost, \$38,000 in Proposition 62 net County cost, and \$24,000 in Park-In-Lieu-Fees (Quimby) Special Funds which is already available.

Approval of the attached appropriation adjustment (Attachment B) will make sufficient funds available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 by increasing appropriation in Capital Project No. 87125 by \$220,000 to fully fund this Project. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in the Attachment A.

Operational Budget Impact

Based on the Project description, Parks and Recreation does not anticipate any one-time or ongoing costs resulting from the recommended actions. The Project provisions have maintenance requirements that will be fulfilled with existing park staff and resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to your Board's Civic Art Policy as revised on November 5, 2008, the proposed Project is exempt from the Civic Art fee as the Project cost is less than \$500,000.

A standard JOC contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

The Project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, the contractor is willing to consider the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN/GROW) participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the Project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15301 (c) and (d) and 15304 (b), and the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Class 1 (f), (x2), (x12), and (x14) and Class 4 (c) adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because it involves repair of an existing slope, resurface of an existing walking track, and addition of new plants in the park. In addition, the Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the Project records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

As provided by the State Labor Code, the Project specifications require that contractors pay prevailing wage rates to all persons providing work on the Project.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the Project will be encouraged through Public Works' Capital Projects' CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBEs.

The Project will be delivered using a Board-approved JOC, which was competitively bid and awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder in accordance with the State Public Contract Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

During the repair work, the majority of the park will be available for use with barriers and safety devices in place to protect the public. Appropriate measures will be employed to prevent soil erosion, noise, and dust generated by construction activities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; and the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

WTF: RLR:DJT
SW:RB:LL:MC

Attachments

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Parks and Recreation
Public Works

October 11, 2011

ATTACHMENT A

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
NTP JOC Contractor	10/12/11
Construction	
Substantial Completion	01/09/12
Acceptance	04/09/12

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget
Construction	
Demolition / Construction	\$ 93,000
Job Order Contract (Site Work)	\$ 208,000
Change Orders (10 percent)	\$ 30,000
Gordian Group	\$ 2,000
Civic Arts	\$ 0
Subtotal	\$ 333,000
Plans and Specifications	
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Subtotal	\$ 12,000
Consultant Services	
Deputy Inspection - Arborist	\$ 9,000
Deputy Inspection - Geotechnical	\$ 35,000
Subtotal	\$ 44,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	
ISD (OAAC)	\$ 2,000
Subtotal	\$ 2,000
Jurisdictional Approvals	
Building and Safety Plan Check	\$ 1,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,000
County Services	
Code Compliance and Quality Control Inspections	\$ 0
Contract Administration	\$ 3,000
Project Management	\$ 41,000
Project Technical Support	\$ 1,000
Consultant Contract Recovery	\$ 8,000
Subtotal	\$ 53,000
Total	\$ 445,000

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT'S. NO. [DEPT. NO]

October 3, 2011

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2011-2012

3 - VOTES

SOURCES

USES

SEE ATTACHED

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SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 220,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 220,000

JUSTIFICATION

Appropriation adjustment is necessary to fund the Ruben Ingold Slope Repair (Stabilization) Project, Capital Project No. 87125.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE [NAME]

[Handwritten Signature]

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---

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[x] RECOMMENDATION

[x] APPROVED AS REQUESTED

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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