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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATON:
PECK ROAD WATER CONSERVATION PARK
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND PROJECT BUDGET
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86389;
AND ADOPT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to complete the proposed Peck Road Water Conservation Park General Improvement Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Peck Road Water Conservation Park General Improvement Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the proposed work consists of renovation and replacement of existing facilities, minor alterations in the condition of land, and construction of accessory structures for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the proposed Project.

2. Approve the proposed Peck Road Water Conservation Park General Improvement Project, Capital Project No. 86389 and budget in the amount of $200,000.

3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to carry out the proposed Peck Road Water Conservation Park General Improvement Project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

4. Adopt the Youth Employment Plan as required by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Procedural Guide.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Peck Road Water Conservation Park General Improvement Project (Project) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to implement the proposed Project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

The proposed Project is located at 5401 Peck Road, south of Live Oak Avenue and north of Lower Azusa Road, in the City of Arcadia. The site is along the Emerald Necklace Park Network, which encompasses a 17-mile loop of parks and greenways, connecting 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. The proposed Project consists of general improvements, which will include refurbishment to the existing restroom building; replacement of damaged picnic tables and fire pits; upgrades to landscaping, walkways/trails; and placement of interpretive signage. The restroom refurbishments will include paint to the interior and exterior and roof replacement. The landscape upgrades will include replacement of nonnative trees with native trees to match the make over palate.

The proposed Project will be executed in coordination with a whole-park make over being performed by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and San Gabriel Conservation Corps, thereby transforming Peck Road Water Conservation Park to provide much improved recreational opportunities for local communities.

Approval of the Youth Employment Plan, which is required to comply with the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Youth Employment Policy will authorize at-risk youth to perform weed abatement and general clean-up. The Youth Employment Plan is included in Attachment II.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing recreational opportunities that benefit County residents.

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

Green design elements will be incorporated into the proposed Project wherever feasible, including high efficiency, low flow plumbing fixtures, drought tolerant plants, and permeable walkways such as decomposed granite.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total proposed Project cost, including construction and County services, is estimated at $200,000. The proposed Project is fully funded with a grant from the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A). Sufficient funding is available in the Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget to fund the proposed Project. The proposed Project Budget and Schedule are included in Attachment I.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the proposed Project description, the Department 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 PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 26, 1997, the Board, acting as the governing body of the District, adopted a Policy for Projects funded by Proposition A. The District's Policy requires that the governing body of the grantee adopt a Youth Employment Plan for each Proposition A funded project at a duly noticed public meeting.

A standard previously-awarded 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 are included in the contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the CEQA. The proposed Project, which includes interior and exterior renovation of an existing restroom, replacement of picnic tables and braziers, upgrades to landscaping, walkways/trails, and placement of interpretive signage, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d), 15302(c), 15304(a) (b) and 15311(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c), 2(e), 4(a) (c), and 11(d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed Project consists of renovation and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, minor alterations to land including grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent and new landscaping, and construction of new accessory structures. The proposed Project involves negligible or no expansion of existing use, structures replaced will have the same purpose and capacity of existing structures, and no healthy, mature trees will be removed. In addition, the proposed Project is not located 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 proposed Project records.

Upon the Board's approval of the proposed Project, the Department will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have minimal impact on County services or projects at this facility. Closure to areas in the park will be brief and the renovation will be coordinated with park staff to minimize disruption.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

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

ATTACHMENT I

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATON
PECK ROAD WATER CONSERVATION PARK
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86389

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Board Approval	09/18/12
Construction Documents	NA
Jurisdictional Approvals	NA
JOC Contract	10/29/12
Start Construction	11/26/12
Substantial Completion	04/15/13
Project Acceptance	05/20/13

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Land Acquisition	$ 0
Construction	
Purchase Order Contract	0
Job Order Contract	191,000
Change Orders/Contingency	0
Departmental Crafts Parks Department Trails	0
Youth Employment	1,000
Construction Consultants	0
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	0
Civic Arts	0
Subtotal	**192,000**
Programming/Development	$ 0
Plans and Specifications*	$ 0
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	$ 0
DPW Engineering Services	0
Geotech/Soils Report and Soils Testing	0
Material Testing	0
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	0
Construction Management	0
Construction Administration	0
Environmental	0
Utilities/Change Order	0
Other Expenditure:	$ 0
Subtotal	**0**
Miscellaneous Expenditures - Furniture	0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	$ 0
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	$ 0
Quality Control Inspection	0
Design Review	0
Contract Administration	0
Contract Administration - Gordian Group	2,900
Project Management Support Services	0
ISD Job Order Contract Management	0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	3,000
ISD Communications/Data	0
Project Security	0
Project Technical Support	0
ISD - Contract Compliance	2,100
Subtotal	**8,000**
TOTAL	**200,000**

ATTACHMENT II

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PECK ROAD WATER CONSERVATION PARK
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)

The proposed Project consists of general improvements to Peck Road Water Conservation Park and will include the renovation of an existing restroom, replacement of picnic tables and braziers, new landscaping, walkways/trails, and interpretive signage.

Tasks that may be performed by At-Risk Youth

At-Risk Youth, under the supervision of the Trails Unit, will perform construction related duties such as weed abatement and general clean-up.

Method of Youth Employment

The Department will utilize youth to work in various areas of the proposed Project through its Youth Enhancing Parks Program (YEPP). This program allows the Department to recruit youths to work on projects based on their training, experience, and physical class.

Youth Employment Goal

The Youth Employment Goal (YEG) established for the County of Los Angeles was $15,739,507. The County has exceeded this goal.