



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director


**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

May 21, 2024

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

  
JEFF LEVINSON  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA PLAY AREA D-9 RENOVATION PROJECT  
ESTABLISH AND APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT, APPROVE PROJECT SCOPE, BUDGET, AND  
APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 8A034  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (FY2023-24, 4-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Play Area D-9 Renovation Project (Project) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; establish and approve the proposed capital project; approve the proposed Project budget and appropriation adjustment; and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or their designee, to proceed with the proposed Project utilizing a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated in this Board Letter and in the record of the project.
2. Establish and approve the proposed Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Play Area D-9 Renovation Project, Capital Project No. 8A034, with a total project budget of \$3,500,000.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment of \$3,500,000 offset with grant revenue from the Regional Park and Open Space District Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, River Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 (Measure A), to fully fund the proposed Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Play Area D-9 Renovation Project, Capital Project No. 8A034.

4. Authorize the Director of the Parks and Recreation, or their designee, to deliver the proposed Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Play Area D-9 Renovation Project (Project) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); establish Capital Project Number 8A034; and approve the proposed Project budget and appropriation adjustment. The recommended actions will also authorize the Department to implement the proposed Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area is a vast 1,492-acre park and one of the most popular recreational destinations in Los Angeles County. With over one million visitors annually, it serves the greater San Gabriel Valley with a wide range of amenities, including fishing lakes, sports fields, picnic areas, fitness zones, boat rentals, and play areas.

The recreation area serves a region with high park need and limited areas for children and caregiver play according to the 2016 Los Angeles Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment and the 2022 Parks Needs Assessment Plus. The proposed Project area, located within Area D in the southeast section of the park between Legg Lake and Center Lake, features play areas, picnic tables, and a drinking fountain bordered by a walking trail with views of Legg Lake. Play Area D-9 is one of the largest in the Department's portfolio and has experienced very heavy use over decades. In 2016, the Play Area's playground equipment was removed due to the poor condition of the equipment and is currently vacant.

The proposed Project scope will address this long-standing deferred maintenance need by replacing the play equipment and safety surfacing. Further, the scope includes landscaping, tree planting, and the replacement of site furnishings that have outlived their useful life and desperately need replacement. The proposed Project will be delivered through a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC) and County Purchase Order. Department staff will utilize the services of a Board-approved as-needed consultant to provide design drawings and specifications.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions further the County Strategic Plan Goal to Support the Wellness of Our Communities (Strategy II.2) by enhancing recreation opportunities for residents and visitors of Los Angeles County, expanding access to recreational opportunities (Goal II.2.2), address the serious threat of global climate change (Goal II.3.3) by integrating climate resiliency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability (Goal III.3) by investing in public infrastructure that will sustain and improve County services and facilities by effectively managing County resources for the County of Los Angeles residents and visitors.

### **Implementation of County Sustainability Goals**

The OurCounty Sustainability Plan, adopted in 2019, establishes goals to address the environmental impacts of climate change and the subsequent social challenges. The proposed Project will support Goal 6, Strategy 6A, by improving access to parks and recreational waters so that all visitors may enjoy their benefits; Goal 5, Strategy 5A, by increasing ecosystem function, habitat quality, and connectivity, and prevent the loss of native biodiversity in the region; Goal 5A, by preserving and enhancing open space, waterways, and prioritizing ecological areas; and Goal 9B, by implementing strong water conservation measures by the reduction of turn and installation of climate appropriate

planting. Additionally, the proposed Project is in an area prioritized by the LA County Climate Vulnerability Assessment as it serves residents experiencing social vulnerability and extreme heat.

### Implementation of County Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative

The proposed Project is aligned with the County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative and guided by the Countywide Equity Guiding Principles (Principles) adopted by the Board on September 15, 2021, including the reduction of racial disparities in life outcomes as well as disparities in public investment to shape those outcomes. Consistent with these Principles, the proposed Project will directly increase access to recreational resources for census tracts throughout the San Gabriel Valley highlighted as High Need by the County of Los Angeles Equity Explorer.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total proposed Project cost of \$3,500,000 includes plans and specifications, consultant services, jurisdictional review/permits, construction, change order/contingency, Civic Art, and County services. The proposed Project's Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment I.

Approval of the Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment I) will reflect a total increase of \$3,500,000 in appropriation to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Play Area D-9 Renovation Project, Capital Project No. 8A034, fully offset with revenue from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 (Measure A) Grant Funds to fully fund the proposed Project.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Department to deliver the proposed Project utilizing a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC), as the work involves repair, remodeling, and refurbishing of County facilities. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the JOC.

The JOC contractor who is awarded this contract will be required to fully comply with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program), Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program), and Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program). The proposed Project will proceed in accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy (LTWHP) adopted on September 6, 2016, and last amended on June 11, 2019.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004, and last amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed Project budget includes one percent (1%) of eligible design and construction costs, in the amount of \$33,000, to be allocated to Civic Art.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed Project, which includes removal and replacement of existing equipment and surfacing, and improvements to landscaping and supporting amenities, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria

set forth in sections 15301(d), 15302(c), 15303(e) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c), 2(e), 3(b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The proposed Project will provide for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety; replacement of existing facilities; construction of small structures; and minor alterations to land which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees.

In addition, based on the records of the proposed Project, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and it is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, the Department will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Design plans and specifications, including construction documents, will be completed by Board-approved as-needed consultant.

Implementation of the improvements will be completed using a combination of a Board-approved JOC and County Purchase Order (PO). A Board-approved JOC will deliver site work and installation of amenities. County Purchase Order is authorized for and will provide new play equipment, related equipment, and installation. Where used, the Department has made the determination that JOC is the most appropriate procurement method for delivery of the construction scope.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have limited impacts to County services at the facility. The Department will minimize and mitigate disruption by coordinating work and providing sufficient notification to the facility and the public, particularly in the case of temporary trail closures.

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by the Board, please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and three copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Robert A. Nava at (626) 588-5349 or [rnava@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:rnava@parks.lacounty.gov), Daniel Abratte at (626) 588-5350 or [dabratte@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:dabratte@parks.lacounty.gov), or Johanna Hernandez at (626) 588-5370 or [bjl@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:bjl@parks.lacounty.gov).

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

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Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)  
Parks and Recreation

**ATTACHMENT I**

**WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA  
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CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 8A034  
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**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion
Board Approval	May 2024
Design Services	November 2024
Jurisdictional Approvals	March 2025
Construction Award	June 2025
Substantial Completion	February 2026
Project Acceptance	March 2026

**II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Construction	
Construction	\$ 2,450,000
Change Orders	\$ 245,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,695,000</b>
Civic Art	\$ 33,000
Plans and Specifications	\$ 417,000
Consultant Services	\$ 122,000
Jurisdictional Review/Permits	\$ 135,000
County Services	\$ 98,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,500,000</b>

ATTACHMENT II

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May 21, 2024

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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 HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

FY 2023-24

4 -VOTES

SOURCES		USES	
PARKS AND RECREATION WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA PLAY AREA D-9 RENOVATION A01-CP-91-R410-6S043-8A034 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT-MEASURE A INCREASE REVENUE	3,500,000	PARKS AND RECREATION WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA PLAY AREA D-9 RENOVATION A01-CP-6014-6S043-8A034 CAPITAL ASSETS- B & I INCREASE APPROPRIATION	3,500,000
<b>SOURCES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,500,000</b>	<b>USES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,500,000</b>

**JUSTIFICATION**  
 Reflects an increase of \$3,500,000 in appropriation to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Play Area D-9 Renovation Project, Capital Project Number 8A034, fully offset with revenue from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 (Measure A), to fully fund the proposed project.

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Carolyn Bernardez, Chief Financial Officer

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

JEFF LEVINSON  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR--

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RECOMMENDATION

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APPROVED AS REQUESTED

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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