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January 13, 2026

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

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA
SPLASH PAD PROJECT
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT, BUDGET,
AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
SPECS. 7835; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69539
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(4-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval for the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project, budget, and appropriation adjustment; adopt plans and specifications; direct the advertising for construction bids; and authorize Public Works to award and execute a Consultant Services Agreement and Construction Contract for the project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project, Capital Project No. 69539, with a total project budget of \$4,500,000.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to increase \$500,000 in appropriation to 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) for the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project, Capital Project No. 69539, to fully fund the project.

4. Adopt the plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works for construction of the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project, Capital Project No. 69539.

5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise the project for bids to be received and opened on February 17, 2026, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.

6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a Consultant Services Agreement with the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule for a \$5,000 not-to-exceed amount funded by the project funds.

7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to make the determination that a bid is nonresponsive and reject it on that basis; to award to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder; to waive inconsequential and nonmaterial deficiencies in submitted bids; and to determine whether the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder has satisfied all conditions for contract award in accordance with the applicable contract and bid documents.

8. Upon such determination, delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute the Construction Contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder if the contract can be awarded within the approved total budget; to establish the effective date of the contract upon receipt by Public Works of acceptable performance, payment bonds, and evidence of required contractor insurance; and to take all other actions necessary and appropriate to deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approve the project, budget, and appropriation adjustment; adopt plans and specifications; direct the advertising for construction bids; and authorize Public Works to award and execute a Consultant Services Agreement (CSA) and Construction Contract for the project.

Project Description and Background

The proposed project is located at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, a Department of Parks and Recreation facility at 750 Santa Anita Avenue, in the unincorporated community of South El Monte. The splash pad will be located north of Legg Lake. The delivery of this project will provide a water play experience to a large regional service area with very high park needs.

The project will be one of the largest splash pads in the parks system, offering children and families a safe and fun place to cool off from early spring through the end of October. In addition to enhancing the park experience, the splash pad will provide the added benefit of helping to deter children from swimming in the unsupervised waters of nearby Legg Lake, thereby supporting ongoing efforts to improve water safety at the park. The splash pad is expected to be a very popular new amenity and attract many daily visitors (especially families) above the current attendance levels,

substantially increasing operational demands at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

The project's scope of work includes the installation of a splash pad with various activities using water to spray; seating areas throughout; renovated accessible parking and paved path of travel to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and irrigation and new climate-appropriate landscaping, including shade trees within and around the splash pad.

On June 14, 2022, the Board established the project; approved the budget and an appropriation adjustment of \$4,000,000; and authorized Public Works to prepare technical studies to deliver the project using design-build contracting, execute a CSA for conceptual design services, and pay stipends to the second- and third-ranked qualifying proposers. However, due to a low number of proposers in Part A of the Request for Proposals process, the County did not complete Part B of Requests for Proposals process and did not execute CSAs for conceptual design services, nor pay stipends to the second and third ranked qualifying proposers.

Project Delivery

Public Works completed the design, project estimating services, and obtained jurisdictional approvals to proceed with construction. If approved, the project will be delivered using design-bid-build contracting. Construction is anticipated to begin in the second quarter of 2026 and is expected to be substantially complete in the first quarter of 2027. The Whittier Narrows Recreation Area will remain operational during construction.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy i, Climate Health; and North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal G, Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy ii, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area with a water play area and support the public's need for a cooling activity in this area of Los Angeles County.

OurCounty Sustainability Plan

The OurCounty Sustainability Plan, adopted in 2019, establishes goals to address the environmental impacts of climate change and the subsequent social challenges. The project will be designed to achieve Goal 2, Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience, Strategy 2A, Integrate climate resilience and adaptation into planning, buildings, infrastructure, and community development decisions, and Strategy 2B, Require sustainable, healthy building design and construction; and Goal 6, accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities, Strategy 6B, Adopt inclusive design and programming for parks, beaches, public lands, and public spaces, and Strategy 6C, Utilize sustainability best practices in the design and management of parks and recreational facilities. Additionally, the project is in an area prioritized by the Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment as it serves residents experiencing social vulnerability and extreme heat.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost is estimated at \$4,500,000 (Enclosure A). This amount includes plans and specifications, jurisdictional approval, construction, change orders, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, Civic Art allocation, and County services. The project was previously funded with \$4,000,000 from the State of California Parks and Recreation's Per Capita Program funds (Proposition 68) when the project was established on June 14, 2022.

Approval of the appropriation adjustment (Enclosure B) will allocate additional funding in the amount of \$500,000, 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), to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project, Capital Project No. 69539, to fully offset and fund the project.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the project description and related operational needs, Parks and Recreation anticipates one-time costs of \$212,000, as well as ongoing costs of \$535,000 for recreation and maintenance staff, utilities, and maintenance supplies following the project completion. Parks and Recreation will submit a funding request through the budget process and work on the funding request with the Chief Executive Office in order to allow Parks and Recreation to operate, program, and maintain the new facility safely and efficiently.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20125 of the California Public Contract Code.

A standard Construction Contract, in a form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used that contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to, County's Greater Avenues for Independence and Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow Programs, Contract Language to Assist in the Placement of Displaced County Workers, and Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015). The plans and specifications include the necessary contractual provisions and material requirements necessary for the project and are on file with Public Works Business Relations and Contracts Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803-1331.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders would be required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making an award.

In accordance with Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring, the project would require a best-efforts hiring goal of 30 percent of the California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers. The project will also include a jobs coordinator who will facilitate implementation of the targeted hiring requirement of the policy.

On February 28, 2023, the Board approved the execution of the Countywide Workforce Agreement, which applies to projects with an estimated construction value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Therefore, the project does not meet the minimum requirements within Section 1.9.1 (a) as it does not have an estimated construction value of \$5,000,000 or greater. The project will not require or enforce the contractor and all subcontractors to comply with the terms and conditions of the Countywide Workforce Agreement.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004, and last amended on August 4, 2020, the project budget includes 1 percent of the eligible design and construction costs, in the amount of \$27,000, to be allocated toward Civic Art for use at the site.

Additionally, in accordance with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Measure A Annual Allocation Program, funding acknowledgement and maintenance of this project in perpetuity will be required.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which will construct a new splash pad, paving, shade, and seating areas; renovate accessible parking with resurfacing and remarking the parking and its aisles, and repaving the path of travel where necessary; and install irrigation and climate-appropriate landscaping in place of nonnative grass; 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 (e) (2), 15303 (e), 15304 (a), and 15311 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines; and Classes 1 (g) (3), (x) (2) and (12), 3 (b), 4 (a) and (c), and 11 (c) and (f) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project provides for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety; construction of small new structures; placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities; and minor alterations to land, which will not involve the removal of trees.

The proposed activities involve negligible or no expansion use of existing facilities. In addition, based on the records of the project, it will comply with all applicable regulations. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon the Board's approval, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse in the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the Notice of Exemption on the County's website pursuant to Section 21092.2.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Advertising for construction bids will be in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements (Enclosure C). This contract opportunity will be listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids.

In addition, to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach and offer preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204. Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBE.

An award by Public Works will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid, meeting the criteria established by the Board and the California Public Contract Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will not have a significant impact on current County services or projects. During the implementation of the proposed improvements, Public Works will work with Parks and Recreation to minimize impacts to the existing operations to ensure minimal disruption to services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)
Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs
Division)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Parks and Recreation

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Completion Date
Design	Q1 2025*
Jurisdictional Approval	Q4 2025*
Construction Bid	Q2 2026
Construction	
Substantial Completion	Q1 2027
Project Acceptance	Q2 2027

*Indicates a completed activity.

II. PROJECT BUDGET

Budget Category	Budget
Construction	
Construction	\$2,761,000
Change Order Contingency (10 percent)	\$ 243,000
Civic Art	\$ 27,000
Subtotal	\$3,031,000
Plans and Specifications	\$ 541,000
Consultant Services	\$ 156,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 28,000
Jurisdictional Reviews	\$ 74,000
County Services	\$ 670,000
Total	\$4,500,000

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November 04, 2025

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 2025-26

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

USES

PARKS AND RECREATION

WHITTIER NARROWS SPLASH PAD

A01-CP-91-R410-65043-69539

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT-MEASURE A

INCREASE REVENUE

500,000

PARKS AND RECREATION

WHITTIER NARROWS SPLASH PAD

A01-CP-6014-65043-69539

CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I

INCREASE APPROPRIATION

500,000

SOURCES TOTAL

\$ 500,000

USES TOTAL

\$ 500,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects an increase of \$500,000 in appropriation to the Whittier Narrows Splash Pad, Capital Project Number 69539, offset with grant 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.

Carolyn Bernardez

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Carolyn Bernardez, Chief Financial Officer

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

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

☐ ACTION

☒ RECOMMENDATION

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B.A. NO. **041**

DATE **10/13/25**

☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED

☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Matthew J.

BY Diaz

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ENCLOSURE C
January 13, 2026

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PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20125, you may publish this advertisement once a week for two weeks in a weekly newspaper or ten times in a daily newspaper. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Public Works Business Relations and Contracts Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803-1331.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF
INVITING BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works will accept sealed bids for the construction of the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project, Capital Project No. 69539, at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area located at 750 Santa Anita Avenue in the unincorporated community of South El Monte.

The contract documents for this project may be downloaded free of charge by visiting the following website: <http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>.

The Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project is estimated to cost \$2,430,000 and shall be completed in 220 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed date. The prime contractor shall possess a valid California Class A or B contractor's license at time of bid.

The bids must be submitted electronically using Bid Express, www.BidExpress.com, before 10 a.m. on February 17, 2026, and no bids may be submitted after that date and time. An optional prebid meeting for this project will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the project site.

For more information, please contact Mr. Mike Sanchez at (626) 300-2085 or misanchez@pw.lacounty.gov. For Americans with Disabilities Act information, please contact Public Works' departmental coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf at (626) 282-7829.