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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-270

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SUBJECT: HANSEN DAM RECREATION AREA – AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE PROJECT COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FEATURES OF THE HANSEN DAM RECREATION AREA PROJECT

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General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment No. 4 to the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City of Los Angeles (City), acting by and through the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) and the United States Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers (Corps), relative to the design and construction of additional features, as described in the Summary of this Report, of the Hansen Dam Recreation Area Project, subject to the approval of the Mayor, and the City Attorney as to form;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the proposed Amendment No. 4 to the Mayor in accordance with the Executive Directive No. 3, and the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendment No. 4 to the PCA upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

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SUMMARY:

On October 19, 1994, the Board approved the Hansen Dam Recreation Lake Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between the United States Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the City of Los Angeles (City), acting by and through the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board), for the construction of a 1.5 acre swim lake, a 9 acre recreational lake, restrooms, and picnic areas (Board Report No. 466-94). The funding available for this project came from both federal sources and Proposition A grant funds obtained by the City. The PCA established terms and conditions of the 50/50 cost sharing of each party (City and Corps). The last phase of this project was completed in 2002.

On June 18, 1997, the Board, through Board Report No. 277-97, approved Amendment No. 2 to the PCA for the same project described above. The amendment increased the project cost from \$10,150,000 to \$14,798,000. The City committed to funding \$9,273,000 of the total project cost with the balance of \$5,075,000 to be funded by the Corps.

On March 18, 1998, the Board, through Board Report No. 120-98, approved Amendment No. 3 to the PCA. This amendment increased the project cost by \$982,000 for a total of \$15,780,000. The Corps reinstated portions of the project that were previously deleted due to a lack of funds. Funding for these reinstated portions was provided by the Corps. This increased the Corps commitment from \$5,075,000 to \$6,057,000. The City's commitment remained at \$9,273,000.

Recently, Department of Recreation and Parks staff working with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) and the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) identified additional features appropriate for the facility. These agencies pursued and obtained both federal and other City funding for the design and construction of these additional features. These features include three main parts: a campground and two parking lots with associated planting.

The proposed project has an estimated design and construction cost of approximately \$3,900,000. The Corps' fifty (50) percent share will be in the form of a cash contribution and the City's fifty (50) percent share will be in the form of credit for work-in-kind development projects. As indicated previously, the City was able to identify City funds in the form of Propositions K, O, and 40 bond monies that are to be used to pay for projects that will be considered work-in-kind credit. The City projects will include the development of the Ranger Station Parking Lot (Proposition K and Proposition 40), the "Green" Parking Lot (Proposition O), and a small number of campground improvements. The Corps' cash contribution will be used to pay for the larger campground development which will include site preparation, sewer connection, sewer lift station, a prefabricated restroom, decomposed granite "pads" for tents, and a concrete pad for the "dining" tent.

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As done previously, the PCA would have to be amended a fourth time to include the “new” proposed project. Unfortunately, constraints on the City’s funding sources and the timelines for the City’s projects considered for the work-in-kind contributions required them to be in construction prior to the approval and execution of a fourth amendment to the PCA. The Corps proposed and the City agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding that would acknowledge the City projects. On December 8, 2010, the Board, through Board Report No. 10--327, approved the described Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Corps.

The proposed Amendment No. 4 is being presented to the Board for approval. This amendment takes into consideration the new project described above and acknowledges the City’s projects described above as work-in-kind contributions.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

It should be noted that all of the subject City projects have previously obtained their necessary approvals.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed project to be executed under the terms and conditions of the MOU has been evaluated for potential environmental effects, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared in October 2009 and adopted by the City Council on June 8, 2010, along with mitigation measures that would reduce all impacts to a level less than significant. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on June 15, 2010. The scope of the project and the environmental conditions has not changed substantially since the adoption of the MND, and no additional environmental impacts are anticipated. Therefore, no further CEQA documentation is required for the approval of the MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of the MOU will not have an impact on the Department’s General Fund as all the projects are funded from the various City and State grant funds.

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