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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 19-111

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – FERN DELL BRIDGE (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3) [MAINTENANCE OF PEDESTRIAN TRAILS] AND CLASS 1(11) [REMOVAL OF SMALL STRUCTURES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(c), 15301(l) AND 15331 [HISTORICAL RESOURCES RESTORATION] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved   X   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project(Project) as detailed in this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee or designee to commit from the following fund and work order number, a maximum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM142579

3. Authorize the appropriation of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) from Fund 302, Department 88, subject to approval by the Mayor, to Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89270K subaccount Fern Dell Bridge;
4. Find that the proposed Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) and Class 1(11), of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15301(l) and 15331 of California CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. The Fern Dell Bridge is located at 2254 Fern Dell Drive within Griffith Park, on the east side of Fern Dell Drive. Approximately 18,155 City residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The Fern Dell Bridge is located within the Fern Dell / Western Canyon area of Griffith Park, to the southeast of the intersection of Fern Dell Drive and Red Oak Drive. The Fern Dell Bridge allows pedestrians walking along Fern Dell Drive to traverse the dell unimpeded.

Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project includes the refurbishment of the existing bridge. Proposed refurbishment includes the replacement of three wooden support beams that have rotted under the bridge, along with the replacement of the old wooden slats that comprise the bridge's walkway. The railing along both sides of the bridge will also be raised.

RAP's staff estimates the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project will cost approximately Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00)

### PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project; and Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) in AB 1290 Funds can be committed to Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project.

The total Park Fee funding available for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project would be One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Park Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Work Order</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	WO# QM142579	\$175,000.00	76%
Council District 4 AB 1290 Funds	302/88	N/A	\$55,000.00	24%
<b>Total</b>			\$230,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project.

The Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project is anticipated to begin in June 2019.

TREES AND SHADE

The Griffith Park – Fern Dell Bridge (PRJ21238) (PRJ21286) Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Griffith Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project consists of the removal and the replacement of portions of an existing bridge. Fern Dell Area is a Historical Cultural Monument No. 112 of the City of Los Angeles (HCM 112) as it was the site of Tongva-Gabrieliño Native American village. The replacement of portions of the existing bridge, however, does not affect the historical determination of the area. Furthermore, the Fern Dell Area is one of the contributing elements of the determination of Griffith Park as a Historic Cultural Monument (HCM 942). The proposed project will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings. As such, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners’ (Board) determine that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) and Class 1(11), of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15301(l) and 15331 of California CEQA Guidelines. A NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board’s approval.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The authorization of this commitment of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Funds.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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