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BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-059

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: TAXCO TRAILS PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21459) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY], CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING, TREE PLANTING, OR LANDSCAPING] AND CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15302, 15304(b), AND 15304(f) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Taxco Trails Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21459) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers a maximum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM163567
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073714
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073814
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000989
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT077107

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3. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity], Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping] and Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302, 15304(b), and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines; and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse and the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) approval.
4. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
5. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a NOE; and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Taxco Trails Park is located at 23367 West Ingomar Street in the West Hills community of the City. This 2.45-acre park provides a children's play area, picnic tables, benches and walking paths. Approximately 1,898 city residents live within a half-mile radius of the park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Taxco Trails Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Demolition of the existing playground equipment.
- Installation of new playground equipment.
- Landscaping and irrigation system upgrades.

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PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

It is anticipated that the following pre-qualified on-call contracts will be used for the Project with the following budget contingency amounts:

On-Call Contract	Budget Contingency Amount
Park Facility Construction	\$70,000.00
Playground Construction	\$90,000.00

These Park Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Taxco Trails Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$6,008.20	1%
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$593,991.80	99%
Total		\$600,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Taxco Trails Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity] g, landscaping upgrades, and minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

According to the parcel, profile report retrieved February 18, 2022; this area resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction. This is a highly developed area where the maintenance and repair of buildings occurs regularly without incident and, as such, this not an unusual circumstance.

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This site is not within a coastal, methane, historic, or hazardous waste or borderline zone so there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances or its location. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of March 9, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway is located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. Furthermore, the project is not located in proximity of known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Based on this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2, Class 4(3), Class 4(12) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302, 15304(b), and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the State Clearinghouse and the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees for this Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. 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 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.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The replacement of the playground at Taxco Trails Park will enhance the park user's experience.

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