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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK - GRIFFITH PARK FIRE RECOVERY HYDROMULCH
EROSION CONTROL (W.O. #DSRE0002) PROJECT - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept the work performed under Contract No. 3234 as outlined in the body of this report;
2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to release all retention monies held under Contract No. 3234 to Western States Reclamation, Inc., 35 calendar days after the acceptance by the Board; and,
3. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish Western States Reclamation, Inc., with a letter of completion.

SUMMARY:

On September 5, 2007, the Board authorized the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to enter into a contract with Western States Reclamation, Inc. (WSRI), in the amount of \$1,987,815.60, for the application of hydromulch to provide erosion control to selected areas in Griffith Park encompassing approximately 479 acres of the 800+ acres burned on May 8, 2007 (Board Report No. 07-198). The areas selected for hydromulch were the areas of the highest erosion potential where debris flows (mud slides) could potentially impact private and public property.

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It was imperative to apply the hydromulch before the heavy rain season in order to avoid landslides and potential property damage. The hydromulch is expected to reduce the landslides and debris flows by 70-85%, in the treated areas. The contract between WSRI and RAP was executed on September 28, 2007, and the project commenced on October 8, 2007. WSRI based its hydromulching operation at Mt. Hollywood. This staging area was prepped by RAP Construction and Maintenance staff and hydromulched for dust suppression by WSRI. WSRI complied with the Clean Water Act by implementing best management practices for stormwater pollution prevention and preparing a construction stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). RAP Maintenance and Park Ranger staff worked together to identify key locations for security fencing for the operation and the burned area and installed fencing and gates at key locations. WSRI provided security for its staging area while the Park Rangers and the General Services Department (GSD) Office of Public Safety assisted with security for the burned area during the hydromulch operation. Hydromulch applications commenced by truck on October 11, 2007, and a press conference with Council District Four was held on October 12, 2007, to notify the public that the hydromulching would be occurring for approximately 6 weeks, and that the area would continue to be closed to the public for safety and environmental reasons, and to prevent damage to the hydromulch. Aerial application of hydromulch by Erickson Air-Crane, Inc., commenced on October 13, 2007. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) provided to the contractor an average of 30,000 gallons of water per day pumped from a water tank located near the staging area in Griffith Park. Design and quality control for the project was provided by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering with assistance by Kleinfelder, Inc. The project was successfully completed ahead of schedule and concluded on October 29, 2007 with \$0.00 in change orders.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funding for the project came from General Fund 302/88 3040, and Special Fund 302/89 300K as outlined in Board Report 07-198. There was no additional fiscal impact caused by the project, as it was completed on time and did not exceed the budget.

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