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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: TIERRA DE LA CULEBRA – OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS (W.O. #E170925F) – FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 1. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Tierra de la Culebra Outdoor Refurbishment (W.O. #E170925F) project;
- 2. Approve the reduction in the value of the work that the specifications require to be performed by the prime contractor from 50% to 20% of the base bid price; and,
- 3. Approve the date to be advertised for receipt of bids as Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

Submitted are final plans and specifications for the Tierra de la Culebra - Outdoor Refurbishment (W.O. #E170925F) project, located at 240 South Avenue 57, Los Angeles, California. The project is funded by Proposition 40 Per Capita and Proposition A funds. Staff from the Bureau of Engineering prepared the design plans and specifications for the project.

The scope of work of the outdoor improvements includes ceramic kiln and storage containers. Other improvements related to the kiln and container installation include, but are not limited to, construction of retaining walls; construction of slab on grade; installation of utilities; and the installation of a fence and canopy. This project will construct the retaining walls and fence.

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The City Engineer's estimate for the construction cost of this project is \$76,000. Funding for construction of the proposed improvements is available from Proposition 40 Per Capita and Proposition A funds.

Funds are available from these accounts:

Funding Source Fund No. / Department No. / Account No.

Proposition 40 PC 47T/89/TBD Proposition A 205/89/EH01

It has been the policy of this Board to require that the prime contractor on construction projects perform a minimum of 50% of the work for the project, as measured by the base bid price. It is proposed that the Board reduce the prime contractor's participation requirement from 50% to 20% on this project. This will help attract a broader range of prime contractors, thus creating a more inviting and competitive bidding environment for this project. Also, it should create a more competitive pricing among the specialty subcontractors providing bids to the prime contractors.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the subject project has been previously evaluated for potential environmental impacts and determined to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1, 12), Class 2(7), and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed with the Los Angeles City and County Clerks on October 19, 2007. The scope of the project and the environmental setting has not substantially changed since the filing of the NOE, and no further environmental documentation is required.

Council District 1 supports the recommendations set forth in this report.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and will be addressed in future budget requests.

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