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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WATTLES PARK – EROSION AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (W.O. #E170262F) – REQUEST AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT NO. 3353

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 1. Authorize the City Engineer to negotiate change order(s), in an amount not-to-exceed \$166,000, including contingency of \$24,300, for additional scope to provide for a fully functioning irrigation system, and additional grading and slope protection for the park, including re-grading, replacement of the existing irrigation system, and laying sod; and,
- 2. Authorize the City Engineer to approve various change order(s) to reflect that additional scope and the unforeseen conditions.

SUMMARY:

On June 6, 2011, the Board awarded Contract No. 3353 in the amount of \$243,000, to John Zgrablich and Co, Inc., for the Wattles Park Erosion and Drainage Improvement (W.O. #E170262F) project, located at 1824 North Curson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046 (Board Report No. 11-145). The project components include the construction of storm drains, a retention tank and infiltration system, a seating wall, catch basins, and curbs and gravel swales. It also includes the planting of new shrubs, groundcover, and vines, new irrigation in the hillside area, re-grading the grassy area, and restoring the turf.

The original project is about ninety-five percent (95%) complete in construction. The remaining five percent (5%) is mostly the restoration of the turf and re-establishment of the irrigation system

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necessitated after changes were made in grading during construction.

The original contract did not include a full replacement of the irrigation system. Upon completion of improvements by the contractor within the park, it was determined that the irrigation system within the American Garden area of the Park was inoperable and that a new irrigation system is needed. The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) staff requested that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) add to the scope of work the redesign and replacement of the irrigation system in the American Garden area. In addition to the irrigation, the added scope requested by the Department includes re-grading and turf restoration in the American Garden area, and potentially the construction of a small retaining wall to redirect drainage flow to existing drains. BOE staff has designed the irrigation replacement and associated improvements. The preliminary change order cost of the added scope is estimated to be an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$166,000. The Board has previously authorized (Board Report No. 12-137) the City Engineer to negotiate change orders up to \$102,000 for unforeseen conditions. A total of ten (10) Change Orders have been issued to date for various unforeseen conditions, which includes restoration of broken unmarked utility pipes, relocation of an infiltration tank away from a mature tree drip line, and cleaning and regrading the upper slopes. The sum of the current request of \$166,000 and the sum of the previously approved change orders of \$102,000 would result in a revised change order total of not-to-exceed amount of \$268,000 or 110.28% of the base contract amount.

This amount exceeds twenty-five percent (25%) of the base contract amount, which surpasses the authority limit of the General Manager, and requires Board approval. The final contract amount, including all change orders, is a not-to-exceed amount of \$511,000.

Sufficient funds are available from the following fund and account for the change order.

FUNDING SOURCE
Proposition K Year 14

<u>FUND/DEPT/ACCT. NO.</u> 43K/10/10G291

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the Department' General Fund for this report. Once this project is completed, operational maintenance cost will be determined. Upon project completion, a request for funding will be submitted in future Department annual budget requests.

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