

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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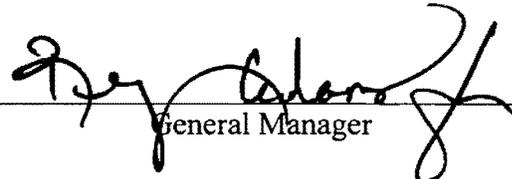
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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK: DONATION FROM THE GRIFFITH J. CHARITABLE TRUST TO THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION FOR ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT AT HOLLYWOODLAND GIRLS CAMP, AND GRIFFITH PARK BOYS CAMP

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 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept as a gift to the City of Los Angeles, the refurbishment (repair and replacement) of roofing at two (2) Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Griffith Park youth camping facilities, valued at One Hundred Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$109,600.00), through funding provided by the Griffith J. Charitable Trust (Trust) to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF), and that appropriate recognition be given to the Trust and LAPF;
2. Find that the roofing refurbishment at each camp site is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
3. Direct the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to deposit into Fund 302, Department 89, Account 704H the funds received from LAPF related to this refurbishment.

SUMMARY:

Hollywoodland Girls Camp, located at 3200 Canyon Dr., and Griffith Park Boys Camp, located at 4730 Crystal Springs Dr. (Camps), offer youth camping experiences presented by RAP's professionally trained camp directors and staff. Both facilities are American Camping Association (ACA) accredited and offer beautiful urban forest environments in Griffith Park. These Camps have provided sleep-over camping experiences for children ages six to seventeen (6 to 17) for many decades. Over time, through normal wear and tear, several buildings at both Camps have become in need of roofing repair and replacement. The Trust has generously

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offered to fund some of this needed work through a donation to the LAPF.

The roofing refurbishment project at the Hollywoodland Girls Camp is a complete removal of the existing lodge building roof and reroofing. The refurbishment at the Griffith Park Boys Camp is a complete removal of the roofing and asbestos abatement on cabins 9, 15 and 16, and restroom 3, and reroofing of each of the four (4) buildings. The asbestos abatement and downspout removal at the Griffith Park Boys Camp will be performed by Argus Contracting because of the special expertise and certifications required. All other labor at both locations can be performed by RAP staff.

The Trust has agreed to donate roofing refurbishment funds in the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$109,600.00) to LAPF for the benefit of RAP and park patrons. LAPF, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, acting as the fiscal receiver for this donation, shall provide the funds to cover the cost of labor, materials, and supplies through direct payment(s) to selected contractors and vendors, and labor cost reimbursement to RAP by depositing said funds into the Deferred Maintenance – Capital Improvement Account, Fund 302, Department 89, Account 704H.

The roofing project at the Hollywoodland Girls Camp has already been completed. The roofing projects at the Griffith Park Boys Camp are scheduled to be completed by November 26, 2013.

The collaboration among RAP, the Trust, and LAPF for these roofing projects tremendously benefits communities and the youth participating in our park programs.

Region Operations staff and Planning, Construction, and Maintenance staff support the recommendations set forth in this Report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Staff has evaluated the roofing at the Camps, and determined that each site involves the refurbishment of existing facilities with no expansion of use beyond that already existing, and further determined that there are no unusual environmental conditions present, such as historic resources or sensitive habitats at either of the sites that would be impacted by the roofing refurbishment, individually or cumulatively. Therefore, the roofing refurbishment at each site is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund as the cost of the proposed roof repairs will be reimbursed to RAP or funded by LAPF at no cost to the City. There are unknown future

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savings as the repaired roofs mitigate the possibility of water damage in the coming rainy season should the roofs have leaked or failed.

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