



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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June 22, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Agreement With the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, to Review the Draft Human Health Risk Assessment Prepared for the Proposed Sports Park Project (District 7)

DISCUSSION

On December 17, 1996, the City Council authorized the City Manager to evaluate the feasibility of locating a sports park on City-owned property located south of Spring Street between California Avenue on the west, and Orange Avenue on the east (see Exhibit A). The development of a sports park site would not only provide much-needed recreational opportunities, but it would also rehabilitate an underutilized Brownfields site. Portions of the proposed sports park site are blighted and contaminated due to past and present oil and gas production, waste and debris disposal, trash separation operations, and other industrial uses.

On May 7, 2002, the City Council authorized an agreement with LSA Associates Inc. (LSA) for the preparation of a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report for the site. LSA is preparing to release the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) this summer for public review and comment, and the DEIR must include a Human Health Risk Assessment (HRA) component. Since the sports park site is petroleum-impacted, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), which is the lead regulatory agency, requires that the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) also review the HRA. Furthermore, both RWQCB and OEHHA require that the City enter into a separate agreement with OEHHA for the review of the HRA.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on June 8, 2004, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 11, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 22, 2004, to proceed with the timely completion of the DEIR.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of the agreement with OEHHA is \$30,000. In preparation for the Sports Park development, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine established a reserve account in the General Fund (GP) to set aside funds for future capital expenses associated with the project. The completion of the DEIR is necessary in order for staff to determine the full costs associated with the project. Funds from the reserve account will offset the \$30,000 needed to cover the cost of the proposed agreement. Since these funds are currently held in reserve and are unbudgeted, they must first be unreserved and appropriated in the General Fund (GP) before they can be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund (CP). The appropriations increases are included in the recommendations below.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment in the amount of \$30,000, for the review of the Human Health Risk Assessment for the Sports Park project;
2. Increase appropriations in the General Fund (GP) and in the Department of Financial Management (XC) by \$30,000; and
3. Increase appropriations in the Capital Improvement Project No. PW3080 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) and in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$30,000.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Exhibit A

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