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LADWP ELYSIAN PARK \$12.5M MOU ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUND REPORT

Dear Ms. Cortez-Davis:

Transmitted is April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, quarterly progress report submitted by the Department of Recreation and Parks for the LADWP Elysian Park \$12.5 MOU Elysian Reservoir Community Park Enhancement Fund.

Original Fund Amount: \$12,500,000.
Expended/Encumbered funds: \$7,583,225.14
Remaining Funds: \$4,916,774.86
Account#: 205/88/88NMAH

The approved Community Park Enhancement Fund Projects include the following:

- Community Garden Site Security
- Chavez Ridge Disc Golf Addition
- Buena Vista Point Disc Golf and Picnic Area
- North Broadway Park Entry Landscape Beautification
- Administration/Maintenance Building Storage Area Roof Replacement
- Urban Forestry
- Morton/Academy Off Street Parking Improvement:
- Elysian Park Security (Expanded Staffing):
- Solano Canyon Synthetic Soccer Field and Lighting
- Solano Canyon Universal Access Playground, Fitness Equipment, Picnic Area and Restroom
- Adaptive Recreation Center Building and Outdoor Improvements
- Walnut Hill Riverside Extension New Restroom
- Victory Memorial Grove
- Update Draft Master Plan
- Carob Grove Picnic Area Project



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If you have any questions, please call Craig Raines, Landscape Architect II, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, at (213) 202-2652.

Sincerely,

JIMMY KIM
General Manager

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DARRYL FORD
Superintendent
Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch

Enclosed are additional documents:

- Project Description Update 03/31/2024
- Community Park Enhancement Expenditure Summary as of 03/31/2024

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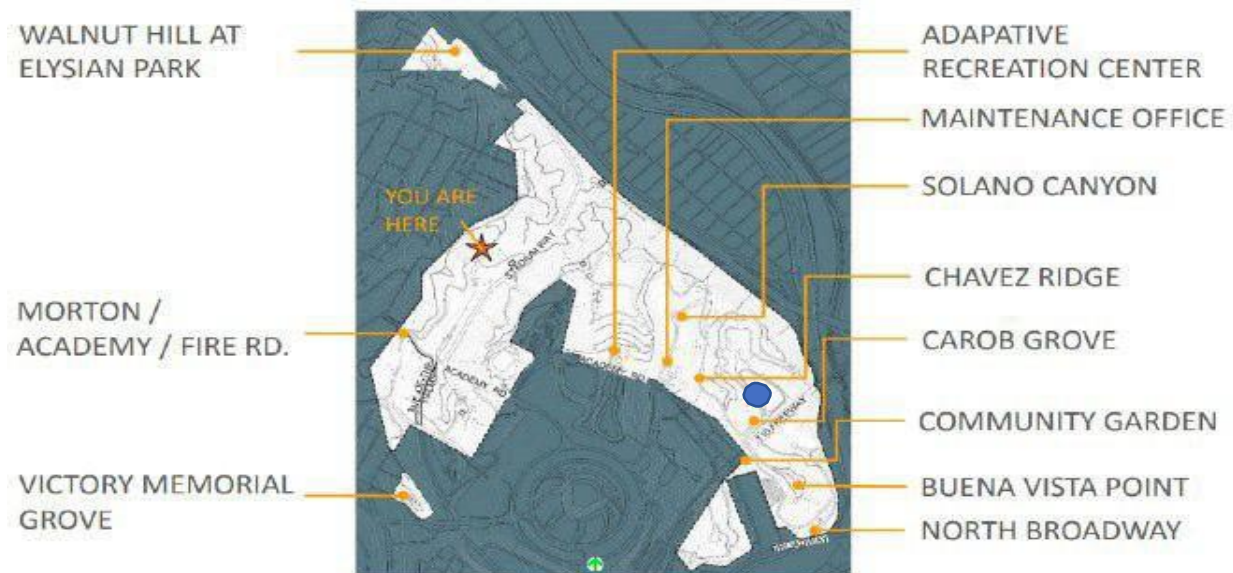
Elysian Reservoir Community Parks Enhancement Fund – Recreation and Parks Project
Description Update 06.30.2024

Resolution 012 225 LADWP Board approved April 17, 2012 –LADWP Board certified Elysian Reservoir WQIP EIR and approval for Floating Cover Alternative. Below are the projects:

\$12.5M - Elysian Reservoir Community Parks Enhancement Fund – The LADWP Board established the fund to be used for public purposes related to community park enhancements and to compensate of the loss of additional recreation area. LADWP Board adopted a resolution to establish MOU with RAP and authorize transfer of funds. LADWP entered into a MOU with RAP in 2016.

As of 06/30/2024, RAP has expended (or encumbered) \$7,583,225.14 of the \$12,500,00.00 in the Elysian Reservoir Community Parks Enhancement Fund.

ELYSIAN PARK IMPROVEMENT LOCATIONS



[Elysian Reservoir is the blue circle. Site Map Showing different projects locations](#)

Progress to Date:

Currently, there are total of twenty-four (24) projects that has been approved and (or In the approval process) by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to be completed in Elysian Park using the funding from the Elysian Reservoir Community Parks Enhancement Fund (RAP Reports Nos. 19-042 and 22-009).

Additionally, there is one (1) new project that has been proposed to be implemented in Elysian Park. That proposed project is still pending approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Note:

Bio Diversity for Landscape: For trees: We work with our Forestry Division to pull for species selection that meets our current biodiversity goals. Trees need to be horticulturally adaptive to the current climate conditions and possess the genetic ability to adapt to the forecasted climatic changes. Also trees need to fit into the cultural heritage of the space/area of design.

For Shrubs/plants: We work with our Maintenance Group to identify species that meet our (RAP's) current biodiversity goals and maintenance capabilities.

Plants also need to be horticulturally compatible / adaptive to the current climate conditions and possess the genetic ability to adapt to the forecasted climatic changes. Also shrubs/plants need to fit into the cultural heritage of the space/area of design.

A detailed breakdown of the scope and status all approved and proposed projects is below.

10 COMPLETED PROJECTS:

1. **Community Garden Site Security:** Included the replacement of two (2) existing gates and sections of the fencing. Two (2) new gates, fencing and an accessible entryway was provided. **Project completed May of 2021.**
2. **Chavez Ridge Disc Golf Addition:** Completed construction with donated funding (\$88,075 to be used for other projects) Addition of ten new targets and tees to the existing seventeen target disc golf course, bringing the total number of targets to twenty-seven. **Project completed October 2021.**
3. **Buena Vista Point Disc Golf and Picnic Area:** Completed construction with donated funding (\$88,075 to be used for other projects) Construction a new fourteen target disc golf course at Buena Vista Point and renovate the picnic areas along Buena Vista Drive. **Project completed October 2021.**
4. **North Broadway Park Entry Landscape Beautification:** Renovation of the existing landscape at the North Broadway entry. The project proposes to restore the historic character of this entrance to Elysian Park, adjust the irrigation system, repair the existing masonry wall, reconstruct the pathway, provide signage and renovate the existing monument. **Project completed May 2021.**
5. **Administration/Maintenance Building Storage Area Roof Replacement:** Repair of an existing damaged metal roof including the structural support. **Project completed December 2019.**
6. **Urban Forestry:** The assessment, survey and analysis of existing tree conditions; and development of a plan for reforestation of Elysian Park. Project also included the removal of dead trees in various areas of the park. **Project completed April 2020.**
7. **Morton/Academy Off Street Parking Improvement:** Reconfiguration of the maintenance road at the junction of Morton Avenue and Academy Road to accommodate organized parking spaces on both sides of the maintenance road including appropriate parking signage and path of travel. **Project completed October of 2021.**
8. **Elysian Park Security (Expanded Staffing):** Staffing of two (2) park rangers at Elysian Park providing security support for 3 years. **Project complete as of July 2023 (as all budgeted funding has been expended).**
9. **Solano Canyon Synthetic Soccer Field and Lighting:** Installation of a new synthetic soccer field over an existing turf field including installation of site furnishings, such as, bleachers and shade structures, and improvements to provide accessible path of travel, renovation of existing restroom, and adjustments to the existing landscape and irrigation to accommodate the synthetic field. **Project completed December 2021.**

10. **Adaptive Recreation Center Outdoor improvements:** New smart Irrigation and water wise planting. **Project completed June 2023**

14 PROJECTS IN PROGRESS/CONSTRUCTION

- 11-15. **Solano Canyon Universal Access Playground, Fitness Equipment, Picnic Area and Restroom:** Removal of the old playgrounds and picnic area, the construction of a new Universal Access Playground (UAP), construction of new picnic area with shade structure, installation of a fitness equipment area with shade structure, construction of a new restroom, improvements to provide accessible path of travel to all new amenities, and adjustments to the existing landscape and irrigation to accommodate the new improvements. Site work is in progress. Restroom Sewer Line work is Complete. **Project is in Construction and the Anticipated Project completion is September 2024. See attached Community Park Enhancement spreadsheet for additional information.**
- 16-18. **Adaptive Recreation Center Building and Outdoor Improvements:** The renovation of the interior of the existing building is in the pre-design phase. **Anticipated completion of the building improvements is April 2026.**
19. **Walnut Hill Riverside Extension New Restroom/Trail Refurbished:** Installation of a new prefabricated restroom structure at the site entry near the existing basketball court and the improvements to the existing trails. The existing trail will be refurbished and extended up the hillside to connect with Landa Street. **The restroom portion of the project was completed in November 2022.** The trail refurbishment is in the pre-design phase. **Anticipated completion of the trail improvements is July 2025.**
20. **Victory Memorial Grove:** Pathway refurbishment and landscaping. Project in the design phase. **Anticipated Project completion is September 2025.**
21. **Carob Grove Picnic area:** Project is in design. **Estimated installation date June 2025**
22. **Update Draft Master Plan:** Re-engage with the community to update the 2007 Draft Elysian Park Master Plan to include with current community desires for the park and to better reflect the current conditions of the park. RAP staff will need to identify a method to bring a consultant on board to assist with the implementation of the update of the Draft Master Plan. **Implementation is TBD as this time until a consultant team is identified to assist with this project. Currently putting together a request for proposal (RFP) for a master plan development for Elysian Park.**
23. **Buena Vista Meadows Dog Park:** Construction of a large and small dog parks, a picnic area, shade structure, path of travel, parking lot upgrade, trail construction, irrigation adjustments and appropriate signage. Based on community feedback, RAP staff is looking at Buena Vista Meadows for the Dog Park location. Site selection still needs RAP's approval. **Anticipated Project completion is June 2026.**
24. **Elysian Park Monument Signage:** Construction of new park entrance and monument signage in multiple locations throughout the park. There is strong community support for this new project. However, as this project was not one of the projects that was originally approved by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners it still needs to be reviewed and approved before implementation can begin. **Anticipated Project completion is July 2026.**

Note: For additional information see the attached Community Enhancement Spreadsheet

Community Park Enhancement - DWP - \$12.5 Funded Projects as of 06/30/24							
Project Site	Project #	Project Budget/Cost Estimate	Projects Details/ Construction name	Estimated Projected start date And estimated Completion date	Project Manager	Project Status/ Project estimate target complete date	Photos
North Broadway – PRJ21274							
North Broadway	PRJ21274	\$255K	Historic character restoration of this entrance to Elysian Park, repairs of the existing landscape, and adjustment of the irrigation system.	Est. Start Date Dec 2019 Actual Start Date Dec 2019	Craig R	Complete	Exhibit 1-1
Community Garden - PRJ21269							
Community Garden	PRJ21269	\$420K	Replacement of two (2) existing gates, fencing replacement, ADA accessible entryway/ Awarded to Calif. Landscape & Design	Est. Start Date April 2020 Actual Start Date April 2020	Mark Leung	Complete	Exhibit 2-1
Carob Grove – PRJ21276							
Carob Grove - Dog Park /Buena Visita Meadows	PRJ21276	\$350K	Construction of a large and small dog parks	Est. Start Date Feb 2024 Actual Start Date Feb 2020	Craig R	Exploring LADWP Easement Conditions at site	NA
Carob Grove - Picnic Area	PRJ21276	\$350K	A picnic area, shade structure, path of travel, parking lot upgrade, trail construction, irrigation adjustments and appropriate signage	Est. Start Date Jun 2024 Actual Start Date Jun 2024	Craig R	Pre Design/Estimated Complete 06/2025	Exhibit 4-1
Solano Canyon – Soccer / Restroom Renovation - PRJ21270							
Solano Canyon- Synthetic Soccer Field	PRJ21270	\$1.25M	Installation of a new synthetic soccer field over an existing turf field. Including installation of site furnishings (bleachers, shade structures), providing ADA accessible path of travel, and adjustments to the existing landscape and irrigation to accommodate the new synthetic field	Est. Start Date July 2021 Actual Start Date Jan-2021	Mark Leung	Complete Dec 2021	Exhibit 5-1
Solano Canyon - UA Playground, Fitness - PRJ21271							

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Project Site	Project #	Project Budget/Cost Estimate	Projects Details/ Construction name	Estimated Projected start date And estimated completion date	Project Manager	Project Status/ Project estimate target complete date	Photos
Solano Canyon- Universal Access Playground	PRJ21271	\$3.6M	Removal of the old playgrounds and the construction of a new Universal Access Playground (UAP). Construction of new picnic area with shade structure.	Est. Start Date Jan 2021 Actual Start Date Sept 2021	Craig R	Construction Sept 2024	Exhibit 6-1
Splash pad	PRJ21271	Part of UAP Cost	Construction of a new splash pad	Est. Start Date Jan 2021 Actual Start Date Sept 2021	Craig R	Construction Sept 2024	Exhibit 6-1
ADA parking /signage	PRJ21271	Part of UAP Cost	Improvements to provide accessible path of travel to all new amenities and adjustments to the existing landscape and irrigation to accommodate the new improvements.	Est. Start Date Jan 2021 Actual Start Date Feb 2022	Craig R	Complete Feb 2023	Exhibit 8-1
Monument Signage	PRJ21271	\$600K	New Monument Signage	Est. Start Date June 2021 Actual Start Date July 2021	Craig R	Complete Jun 2026	Exhibit 8-1
Picnic Area	PRJ21271	Part of UAP Cost	Improvements to provide accessible path of travel to all new amenities and adjustments to the existing landscape and irrigation to accommodate the new improvements.	Est. Start Date June 2021 Actual Start Date July 2021	Craig R	Design Complete Nov2025	Exhibit 9-1
Solano Canyon- Fitness Equipment	PRJ21271	Part of UAP Cost	installation of a fitness equipment area with shade structure	Est. Start Date Jan 2021 Actual Start Date Sept 2021	Craig R	Construction/ Complete Sept 2024	Exhibit 11-1
Solano Canyon- Restroom Renovation	PRJ21271	Part of UAP Cost	Renovation of existing restroom	Est. Start Date June 2021 Actual Start Date July 2021	Craig R	Complete Sept 2024	Exhibit 11-1
Adaptive Recreation Center - PRJ21278							

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Project Site	Project #	Project Budget/Cost Estimate	Projects Details/ Construction name	Estimated Projected start date And estimated completion date	Project Manager	Project Status/ Project estimate target complete date	Photos
Adaptive Recreation Center	PRJ21278	\$4.M	Renovation of the interior of existing building it include a community room and Park Ranger office.	Est. Start Date Jan 2022 Actual Start Date Jun 2022	Craig R	Project Is In Predesign Estimated Completion 04/2026	Exhibit 12-1
Adaptive Recreation Center - Exterior Restroom	PRJ21278	Part of overall Adaptive cost	Addition of an exterior pre-fabricated restroom building	Est. Start Date Jun 2022 Actual Start Date Jun 2022	Craig R	Project Is In Predesign Estimated Completion 04/2026	NA
Adaptive Recreation Center - Outdoor Improvements	PRJ21278	Part of overall Adaptive cost	Construction of an New Irrigation and sustainable planting	Est. Start Date Jan 2022 Actual Start Date Jun 2022	Craig R	Project is Complete. 06/23	Exhibit 12-1
Walnut Hill at Riverside Drive - PRJ21272							
Walnut Hill at Riverside Drive - Restroom	PRJ21272	\$600K	Installation of a new pre-fabricated restroom structure at the site entry (near the existing basketball court)	Est. Start Date Jan 2021 Actual Start Date May 2021	Steve H	Project is Complete. June 2023	Exhibit 14-1
Walnut Hill at Riverside Drive - Trail Improvements	PRJ21272	\$500K	Improvements to the existing trails - the existing trail will be refurbished and extended up the hillside to connect with Landa Street	Est. Start Date Dec 2021 Actual Start Date NA	Craig R	Project is in Predesign. Estimated completion 07/2025	Exhibit 14-1
Morton/Academy/Fire Road - PRJ21273							
Morton/Academy/Fire Road	PRJ21273	\$75K	Road Reconfiguration of the maintenance road at the junction of Morton Avenue and Academy Road. Installation of organized parking spaces on both sides of the maintenance road, including appropriate parking signage. Installation of a path of travel	Est. Start Date Dec 2021 Actual Start Date Dec 2021	Craig R	Complete December 2022	Exhibit 15-1
Victory Memorial Grove - PRJ21275							
Victory Memorial Grove	PRJ21275	\$200K	Pathway refurbishment, landscape and path of travel improvements	Est. Start Date Dec 2021 Actual Start Date Dec 2021	Craig R	Project is in Design Estimate Completion 9/2025	Exhibit 16-1

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Project Site	Project #	Project Budget/Cost Estimate	Projects Details/ Construction name	Estimated Projected start date And estimated completion date	Project Manager	Project Status/ Project estimate target complete date	Photos
Elysian Park Urban Forestry - PRJ To Be Determined							
Elysian Park - Urban Forest	GRNCNMAH	\$200,000.	\$200k earmarked for all tree removals in PRJ21283 (\$88000) & PRJ21284 (\$88000)	Est. Start Date Dec 2019 Actual Start Date Dec 2019	Leon Boroditski	Project is Complete 4/2021	Exhibit 17-1
Elysian Park Security - PRJ To Be Determined							
Elysian Park - Security	PLNX0904 for Staff Costs	\$200,000.	Fund 2 new Full-time Ranger Positions with 3 year security support.	Estimated Start Date May 2019 Actual Start June 2019	Craig R	Project is Complete July 2023	NA
Elysian Park Master Plan - PRJ To Be Determined							
Elysian Park - Master Plan	GRNCEDMP	\$100,000	Development of a Master Plan for Elysian Park	Estimated Start Date May 2023 Actual Start June 2024	Craig R	Pre Design Est. Complete June 2025	NA
Buena Vista Point - Disc Golf - PRJ21284							
Buena Vista Point - Disc Golf	PRJ21284	NA. Donation	Construction of a new 14 target disc golf course, renovation of the picnic areas along Buena Vista Drive	Estimated Start Date May 2019 Actual Start July 2019	Craig R	Project completed with donated funding - \$200k earmarked for tree removal from Urban Forestry. Project is complete 10/2021	Exhibit 20-1
Chavez Ridge - Disc Golf - PRJ21283							
Chavez Ridge - Disc Golf	PRJ21283	NA. Donation	Addition of 10 disc gold targets to the presently existing 17, bringing the total number of targets at Chaves Ridge to 27.	Estimated Start Date May 2019 Actual Start June 2019	Craig R	Project completed with donated funding - \$200k earmarked for tree removal from Urban Forestry Project is Complete 10/2021	NA
Administration/ Maintenance Building - PRJ21277							
Administration/ Maintenance Building	PRJ21277	\$100,000	Repair of an existing damaged metal roof; including the structural support	Estimated Start Date May 2018 Actual Start July 2018	Craig R	Project is Complete Dec 2019	Exhibit 22-1

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Project Site	Project #	Project Budget/Cost Estimate	Projects Details/ Construction name	Estimated Projected start date and when project actually started	Project Manager	Project Status/ Project estimate target complete date	Photos
Elysian Park - Soft Cost (PLNX0904 for Staff Costs)							
Elysian Park - Soft Cost (PLNX0904 for Staff Costs)	PLNX0904 for Staff Costs	15% of project costs	NA	NA	TBD	NA	NA
Other							
Other	RAP GF		NA	NA	TBD	NA	NA
Total	\$ 12,500,000.00	0.00					
Amount Used	\$7,583,225.14	12,500,000.00					
Amount Remaining	\$4,916,774.86	12,500,000.00					