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Reseda Park Lake and Pool

Join Us for the Re-opening of the Lake and Groundbreaking of the Pool

LOS ANGELES – On Monday, May 26, 2011 at 1 pm at Reseda Park located at 18411 Victory Boulevard, The Department of Recreation and Parks along with Councilman Dennis P. Zine (3rd Council District), the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation and Bureau of Engineering will all join together to celebrate the re-opening of Reseda Lake and break ground on the new pool at Reseda Park.

Reseda Park Lake, which is owned and maintained by the Department of Recreation and Parks, is a shallow, asphalt-lined urban lake with a surface area of approximately 2.5 acres and an average depth of 4 feet with its deepest point at 6 feet. A man-made island is situated at approximately the midpoint of the lake which contains rock piles, logs, and trees, along with two water fountains. Domestic ducks, geese, and other waterfowl swim in the lake and congregate along the shoreline. Due to the previous limited water circulation and lack of any flushing mechanism, the continual buildup of blue-green algae along with other organic and inorganic matter created significant water quality problems.

The office of Councilman Zine (3rd Council District), the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation worked together to make this project a success. The total construction cost of the project improvements was \$1.25 million. The project was funded by \$1.17 million in State grant funds from Proposition 40 along with City Quimby funds. The URS Corporation, an environmental consulting firm, along with their design consultant, Pacific Aquascape was retained to provide project design and biological resource services. The project was constructed by the Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd. and includes the following improvements:

- Draining of lake and removal of bottom sediments
- Repair, reinforcement and waterproofing of existing lake & island perimeter walls
- Seal existing lake bottom asphalt lining
- Installation of new lake micro-bubble aeration system
- Construction of new skimming weir system with six skimmer boxes connected to existing wet well
- Refurbishment of existing water fountain nozzles on lake island
- Construction of new lake drain vault and maintenance hole
- Construction of a new gravity flow sewer line connection from wet wells to existing sewer line in Reseda Blvd, including cleanouts and maintenance holes
- Installation of seven new floating islands within the lake
- Construction of new perimeter walking/jogging path
- Provision for lake interpretive signage

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Reseda Park will be receiving a new pool! The work involves the demolition of the existing deteriorated aging swimming pool and pump house; construction of a new 75 foot x 120 foot swimming pool with the upgraded pump house, decorative pool decking, perimeter fencing, shade structures, shade towers, landscaping and irrigation. The new pool will serve both youth and adult swimming classes as well as recreational swimming.

“I am proud to have partnered with Councilman Dennis P. Zine, the Department of Public Works, and volunteers to bring two more improvement projects to the community for all to use and enjoy,” said Department of Recreation and Parks, General Manager, Jon Kirk Mukri.

“This is a wonderful occasion for the residents of the Third Council District,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine. “Not only are we reopening a healthy, rehabilitated lake for families to enjoy and that will ensure the wellbeing of the wildlife living in and around the lake, but we are also moving forward on a highly anticipated project by commencing work on the Reseda Pool. After the pool became inoperable in 2008, I vowed that we would get this community facility up and running because it is too important to the children of this neighborhood to lose. I am proud to say that the construction phase has officially begun.”

