

Lakeside Debris Basin Property- Conversion to a City Park
Council District -7

The 70 acre Lakeside debris basin property, located just east and adjacent to the interchange of the 5 and 405 Freeways, is owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). The LADWP has developed a joint project with the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to plan, design, and construct sports fields within this property. These facilities will replace the fields currently located on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) Jensen Treatment Plant property and being used by the Granada Hills Youth Recreation Center (GHYREC). The planned sports fields, part of a new City Park, will be precompensation to the community for the impacts caused by the necessity of turning the existing sports field location into washwater ponds for the Jensen Treatment Plant.

LADWP is generously funding the Phase I portion of the project that will include the sports fields (4 soccer fields and 6 ballfields). Phase I will be jointly constructed by LADWP and RAP staff. The plans for Phase I will be presented to the Neighborhood Council at this meeting.

In addition, the State of California has called for proposals for Proposition 84 (Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008). RAP is asking for community guidance in planning for additional amenities and programs for the Lakeside property to further benefit the community. Ideas generated by the community will be incorporated into the application to be submitted for Proposition 84 funds (maximum award is five million dollars). It is expected that the application will be a strong one, as the Lakeside property offers great opportunities for a wide variety of active and passive recreation. However, there is no guaranty that the State will award funding to any proposal and there will be great competition from all parts of the City and State for funding.

There will be a minimum of 5 community meetings in order to develop the best possible application for Proposition 84 funds.