



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning & Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: March 19, 2013
Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director(s) Planning and Development

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SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract with AMEC Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc. for Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for the Goleta Beach County Park Managed Beach Retreat Project 2.0, 2nd Supervisorial District.

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Community Svcs. Dpt. Concurrence:

Yes

Recommended Actions:

1. That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to AMEC Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc.'s existing professional services contract, in the amount of \$60,241.49, for a total not to exceed cost of \$254,335.49, which includes a base contract of \$236,690.49 and a contingency of \$17,645.00, in order to complete additional analysis in association with preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Goleta Beach County Park Managed Beach Retreat Project 2.0 (Attachment A).

Summary Text:

Additional work beyond the original scope of the contract is required for AMEC Environmental to complete work on the EIR for the Goleta Beach County Park Managed Beach Retreat Project 2.0 (see Attachment B). Included in Amendment No. 1 is a request to fund out-of-scope work efforts resulting from: 1) an additional visual simulation to depict the full range of possible changes to the beach

resulting from the proposed project over time; 2) further cultural resource analysis in order to respond to concerns raised by the local Native American community, consisting of an Extended Phase 1 Cultural Resource Investigation for the project area and coordination with Caltrans; 3) development and analysis of an additional project alternative; and 4) additional hours to prepare the Coastal Processes section of the EIR, including coordination with a senior coastal geomorphologist with ESA PWA (a coastal engineering and environmental hydrology firm, formally Philip Williams & Associates). The previously approved contract with AMEC for preparation of the EIR is not adequate to cover the cost of this work. The consultant and Planning and Development (P&D) and Community Services Department (CSD) staff all agree that the additional analysis and costs are warranted in order to complete work on the EIR. The additional request of \$60,241.49 would augment the current contract, for a new not-to-exceed cost of \$254,335.49.

Background:

Goleta Beach County Park is a 29-acre County park located in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, California, approximately one-third mile east of the University of California Santa Barbara and one-half mile south of the City of Goleta in the Second Supervisorial District. The park is a popular day-use facility that receives approximately 1.6 million visitors per year. It encompasses 3,900 feet of beach frontage and includes, but is not limited to, a 1,500 foot pier, restaurant, snack bar, playground, restrooms, picnic tables, barbecue grills, parking lots, and large lawn areas.

In the late 1990s through 2003, several major storms eroded the beach, resulting in the loss of lawn and other park amenities. New emergency rock revetments were placed along portions of the beach to protect the park, in addition to revetment that had previously been installed with and without permits. The California Coastal Commission (CCC) granted approval of the emergency rock revetments for a 30-month period to allow the County to complete a master planning process to develop a long-term protection plan for the park. This approval also required that soft approaches to shoreline protection from erosion be studied.

In September 2010, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Parks Department (now CSD) to initiate engineering studies for a new managed beach retreat option. In general, this option includes relocating some park facilities and utilities landward, removing sections of existing unpermitted rock revetments, and creating a land/sand “buffer zone.”

In October 2011, the Community Services Department submitted applications to the County Planning and Development Department (P&D) for a Development Plan (11DVP-00000-00016) and Coastal Development Permit (11CDP-00000-00069) for the managed beach retreat project. The project may have a significant impact on the environment and, as a result, the permit process includes the preparation of an EIR.

Fiscal Analysis:

The County Community Services Department will pay the full amount of the professional services contract. Funding for the Environmental Impact Report is to be funded via a grant from the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Services (# F12AF00307). The grant is specifically to be used for the Goleta Beach 2.0 project as defined to include components of coastal access, beach nourishment, partial managed retreat, and recreation enhancement to provide for the long term sustainability of the park. The grant was officially awarded to the County of Santa Barbara on April 18, 2012 in the amount of \$1,501,322.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Board of Supervisors accepted the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service (CIAP) Grant in the amount of \$1,501,322 for Goleta Beach Park Coastal Access and Recreational Enhancement (Goleta Beach 2.0) #F12AF00307 and approved the Community Service Department (CSD)'s requested appropriation of \$310,000 on May 12, 2012. The remaining unbudgeted portion of the contract is to be included in the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14, as part of the Parks Division Capital Projects Fund account of the County Community Services Department. The project is accounted for in Fund 0031, Department 052 , Project 8531A.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the Minute Order to P&D, attention Alex Tuttle.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Contract Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between County of Santa Barbara and AMEC

Attachment B: Contract Amendment Proposal from AMEC, dated February 22, 2013

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