



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: October 11, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Director:
Contact Info: Sherman Hansen, Community Services Business Manager (805) 568-3408
SUBJECT: Service Contract with Mt. Lassen Trout Farms, Inc for Trout Plants at Cachuma Lake

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a service contract (Contract) with Mt. Lassen Trout Farms, Inc. (Contractor) (not a local vendor) to provide Triploid rainbow trout plants at Cachuma Lake Recreation Area during the 2022-2023 stocking season, October to May, for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed \$116,320 and waive competitive bidding by the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code section 2-39, subdivision (c), due to limitations on the source or supply due to necessary restrictions in specifications in that no other facilities contacted could provide rainbow trout plants in the quantities requested; ; (Attachment A); and
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of Community Services Department, or his designee, to exercise an annual renewal option of the Contract and execute amendments to the Contract to continue the term of the Contract on a year-by-year basis, for up to an additional four (4) years, subject to annual appropriations and upon approval and adoption of the County Operating Budget and the Final Budget for the Contract by the County Board of Supervisors; and

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- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301 as the actions consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities and/or equipment that involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former uses.

Summary Text:

The Community Services Department, Parks Division, (Parks) operates and manages Cachuma Lake Recreation Area (Lake), which is the only fresh water lake in the County the public is allowed to access for boating and fishing recreation. The Parks Division has been stocking the Lake with rainbow trout for many years for the enjoyment of local anglers as well as out of County visitors. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife now requires the Parks Division to apply for a "Private Stocking Permit" (Permit) each year in order to continue stocking the Lake with rainbow trout. The Permit allows for the Parks Division to stock the lake with up to 16,000 pounds of rainbow trout each year. The rainbow trout must be Triploid, unable to reproduce, and tagged with an external T-Bar tag. The Contractor is the only known vendor in the State of California able to provide T-Bar tagged Triploid rainbow trout in the quantity allowed by the County's Permit. The Contractor has quoted a price of \$7.27 per pound for the 2022-2023 stocking season, which runs October to May. The total cost of planting the permitted amount of rainbow trout will be \$116,320. The Contract amount for each subsequent year's stocking costs will be adjusted by a cost of living adjustment determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers San Francisco, All items (CPI). Solely for the purpose of computing the percentage increase each year, the CPI will be calculated using the month of May from the year immediately following the last stocking delivery.

Background:

As the only fresh water lake with public access in the County, the Cachuma Lake Recreation Area hosts over 700,000 visitor per year and is a very popular fishing destination for County residents as well as out of County guests. For many years Parks has stocked the lake with rainbow trout to help draw in anglers; there was no limit to the amount or type of fish that could be planted. However, in 2014, the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) implemented a required Private Stocking Permit. The Permit only allows for a maximum of 16,000 pounds of trout to be stocked each year. In order to keep the stocked fish from breeding with the native trout, the Permit also requires that all stocked trout be triploid (unable to reproduce), as well as be tagged with an external T-bar tag. Additionally, to mitigate competing with native trout, the Permit also requires that planting cannot take place when there is a possibility the lake may spill. For example, during the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 stocking season, all stocking between February and June required additional written approval from CDFW.

Parks has used the Contractor for stocking trout for many years and has a very good working relationship with it. The Contractor is the only known provider of T-Bar tagged triploid trout in the State of California able to provide the maximum pounds allowed by the County's Permit. The tagging process takes the Contractor approximately 30 days to complete, and due to the Permit requirement of obtaining permission to stock fish when the lake may have the potential to spill, coordinating stocking dates can sometimes prove challenging. The Contractor has shown a willingness to be flexible with stocking dates, allowing time for Parks staff to receive the necessary permission from CDFW to plant trout.

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Risk:

The agreement applies County standard independent contractor terms and conditions in accordance with State of California laws and regulations. The risk mitigation includes insurance coverage appropriate for the level of risk involved as determined by Community Services in conjunction with the County Risk Manager, and the agreement indemnifies County agents, officers and employees from all claims that arise from activities performed under the agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

All costs for work conducted by the Contractor are budgeted within the Community Services Department, Parks Division, operating budget.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement for Services with Mt. Lassen Trout Farms, Inc.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute to Sherman Hansen, Community Services Department, shansen@countyofsb.org :

1. Minute Order
2. Signed Agreement for Services with Mt. Lassen Trout Farms, Inc.

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