



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: July 16, 2019
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: Jeff Lindgren, Parks Superintendent (805) 568-2475
SUBJECT: Consulting Service Agreement with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for the Countywide Recreation Master Plan; All Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the professional services agreement with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (Contractor) in the amount not to exceed \$169,999.00 so that the Contractor may assist the County in preparation of a Countywide Recreation Vision Plan as Phase I of developing a Countywide Recreation Master Plan (Attachment A);
- b) Determine that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15262 and 15378(b)(4) of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA, finding that the activities involve only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the Board has not approved, adopted or funded and are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to consider approval of the attached professional services agreement to allow Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. to begin development of a Countywide Recreation Master Plan by providing analysis of existing conditions, a recreational needs assessment analysis, and robust community outreach. This first phase of effort would provide the basis for developing Master Plan goals, recommended improvements and programs, provide critical information for grant funding opportunities, and create an implementation and funding strategy.

Background:

On May 7, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a request from the Community Services Department, Parks Division, to use Fiscal Year 2018-19 unanticipated revenues for Phase I of the Countywide Recreation Master Plan. The Countywide Recreation Master Plan would provide an inventory of recreational facilities and programs, describe existing unmet and future recreation needs through extensive public outreach, identify opportunities for future facilities with an implementation and financing strategy, recognize the economic impact of recreation within the County, leading to a program-level environmental analysis of any future projects in Phase II. Phase I of the Master Plan would also include identification of early action projects across the County that are eligible for \$254.9 million of California Proposition 68 funding.

In June of 2018, the voters of California approved Proposition 68, the Parks, Environment, and Water Bond. The Bond Act authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for creation and rehabilitation of state and local parks, natural resources protection projects, climate adaption, water quality and supply projects, and flood protection. Proposition 68 also reallocates \$100 million of unused bond authority from prior bond acts for the same purpose. Over \$650 million will be available state-wide over the next several years for acquisition and development of new parks and recreation opportunities including expansion or renovation of existing parks. \$254.9 million is going to be available later this year through competitive grants state-wide. Deliverables from the Countywide Recreation Master Plan will be tailored to improve the competitiveness of Countywide projects.

One of the primary goals of the Master Plan would be to involve each of the cities within the County to better understand our regional recreation needs. While the Plan would not direct recreation planning or implementation within each city, it would provide valuable insight on how the County and cities might coordinate recreation programs and facilities to better serve residents Countywide.

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.

Performance Outcomes:

The Contractor's history of delivering on time and in budget consulting services to the Community Services Department has been consistently good. Their work product is of high quality meeting the planning, environmental document preparation, focused studies, grant application and project management needs of the Department.

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 Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. – Park Master Plan

After Board action, please distribute as follows to Jeff Lindgren, Community Services Department:

1. Minute Order
2. Agreement for Services (two originals)