



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: April 5, 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, Director (805) 568-2467
Director:
Contact Info: Jill Van Wie, Capital Program Manager (805) 568-2470
SUBJECT: Professional Biological Resources Assessment Service Agreement with Storrer Environmental Services, LLC for a recreational trail system on a County owned parcel located in the Solomon Hills south of Orcutt (APN 101-020-076); 4th Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the biological resources assessment service agreement with Storrer Environmental Services, LLC (Contractor) in the amount not to exceed \$17,143 for a possible future recreational trail system on a County owned parcel located in the Solomon Hills south of Orcutt (APN 101-020-076) (Attachment A); and
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); which states that the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

The attached professional services agreement allows Storrer Environmental Services, LLC to provide biological resource assessment for a 96-acre County owned parcel located in the Solomon Hills south of Orcutt informally known as the Bonney parcel (APN 101-020-076). The 96-acre parcel was purchased by the County to provide a trail system for public recreational purposes. When combined with existing

County contracts, this Community Services Department (CSD), Parks Division contract of \$17,143 will exceed \$200,000 County-wide for Storrer Environmental Services, LLC.

Background:

In 2020, the County purchased a 96-acre parcel (APN 101-020-076) located south of Orcutt in the Solomon Hills from a private landowner with the intent of creating a trail system for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians for the general public. Before trails can be constructed and/or existing informal trails deemed official, environmental review is necessary that would mainly involve biological resource site assessment. The results of the assessment would be used to determine if proposed trails are in a biologically sound location or if they should be re-routed to avoid or mitigate significant environmental impacts. Approval of this Board action would allow Storrer Environmental Services, LLC to conduct the biological assessment. This CSD-Parks Division contract of \$17,143, when combined with existing County contracts, will exceed \$200,000 County-wide for Storrer Environmental Services, LLC.

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:

Budgeted: Yes.

Fiscal Analysis:

The total cost of the Project is estimated to be \$300,000 inclusive of soft and hard costs. Funding for the biological assessment is budgeted under the Community Services Department, Parks Operating Budget. The remaining project costs are anticipated to be budgeted via future Board actions after completion of the biological assessment.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute as follows to Jill Van Wie, Community Services Department:

1. Minute Order
2. Professional Services Agreement

Attachments:

- A. Professional Biological Resources Assessment Agreement with Storrer Environmental Services, LLC for a County owned parcel located in the Solomon Hills south of Orcutt informally known as the Bonney parcel (APN 101-020-076)