



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: March 9, 2021
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: Jill Van Wie, Program & Project Business Leader (805) 568-2470
SUBJECT: New Cuyama Greenway Project #8664, Award of Construction Contract, First District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

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 the plans and specifications on file in the Community Services Department for the New Cuyama Greenway Project #8664 (“Project”);
- b) Award, approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract (Attachment A) in the amount of \$350,000 to the lowest responsible bidder, Bruno Landscape Management & Construction, Inc., for the Project, subject to the provisions of the documents and certifications as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the Project and as required by California law;
- c) Authorize the Director of Community Services, or designee, to order changes or additions in the work being performed for the Project via change orders in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 as authorized under California Public Contract Code Section 20142; and
- d) Determine that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15304(a), which consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation that involves grading on lands with a slope of less than 10 percent and which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and direct staff to file the CEQA Notice of Exemption on that basis (Attachment B).

Summary Text:

The Project will enhance a crucial public green space by increasing tree canopy, improving pedestrian circulation and sequestering carbon. Approximately 175 drought-tolerant trees will be planted with temporary drip irrigation for establishment, and a 0.65-mile pedestrian pathway will be constructed to connect Richardson County Park to adjacent community facilities. The bidding process is complete. With the approval of the recommended actions, Community Services will award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Bruno Landscape Management & Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$350,000. Community Services anticipates completion of the Project by June 2021. The total cost of the Project is estimated to be \$550,000, inclusive of soft costs.

Background:

Located in the unincorporated townsite of New Cuyama, Richardson Park is one of the only active recreational park spaces within the Cuyama Valley. Richardson Park provides amenities such as a shaded barbeque area, picnic tables, a restroom and a playground. Adjacent to Richardson Park is a baseball field and skate park owned by the Cuyama Valley Recreation District. The two properties make up 28.5 acres of parkland that serves the local community and visitors traveling on State Route 166. This Project will span both properties, providing continuity and a sense of place for park users via the newly constructed pathway and new tree plantings.

Park use is currently limited by the temperature variability of the seasons, particularly during the extreme summer heat. The shade provided by the new trees will help keep the park usable for a greater duration of the year and allow residents greater access to physical activity, socialization, and community gatherings. This Project will also plant shade trees near the Family Resource Center, Community Health Center, and County sheriff's office to increase comfort and reduce cooling needs. The total cost of the Project is estimated to be \$550,000, inclusive of construction costs and soft costs.

On Thursday, January 28, 2021, Community Services received eight bids for the Project, and Bruno Landscape Management & Construction, Inc., was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Upon Board approval of the recommendations, the Project will commence in March 2021, with completion anticipated by June 2021.

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) is funding this Project through its Urban Greening Program. In 2017, Assembly Bill 109 allocated 26 million dollars to the Urban Greening Program through the State's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to invest in green infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and benefit low-income communities. On April 10, 2018, the Board passed Resolution# 18-75, authorizing the Community Services Department to apply for the Urban Greening Grant. In March 2019, the CNRA selected the County's proposal to construct the New Cuyama Greenway in Richardson Park.

Risk:

The Contract Documents for this award apply Community Services Capital Projects' standard public works contract terms and conditions in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and other laws and regulations governing capital public projects in the State of California. The risk mitigation includes payment and performance bonds and insurance coverage appropriate for the level of risk involved as determined by Community Services in conjunction with the County Risk Manager.

Fiscal Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The Project's total cost is estimated to be \$550,000, inclusive of soft and hard costs, and is currently budgeted under the Community Services Department Parks Division, Capital Fund.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

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

1. Minute Order
2. Executed Construction Contract

Attachments:

- A. Construction Contract
- B. CEQA Notice of Exemption

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