



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2019

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARD: 1

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$484,205 FROM THE REGIONAL PARK SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (413) FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD AND CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS; AWARD BID NO. 7715 TO WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CORP OF SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA, FOR STORMWATER, EROSION CONTROL, TRAIL, AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT MT. RUBIDOUX PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$335,000; AND AUTHORIZE 15% CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY UP TO \$50,250

ISSUES:

Award Bid No. 7715 to Wright Construction Engineering Corp of San Marcos, California, in the amount of \$335,000, with 15% change order authority in an amount up to \$50,250, for a total amount not to exceed \$385,250, from Regional Park Special Capital Improvement Fund for Mt. Rubidoux Stormwater, Erosion Control, Trail and Site Improvements – supplemental appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Award Bid No. 7715 for Mt. Rubidoux Stormwater, Erosion Control, Trail and Site Improvements to Wright Construction Engineering Corp of San Marcos, California, in the amount of \$335,000, for the installation of the following improvements at Mt. Rubidoux Park: Base Bid Items I-A for post and chain barriers, I-B for a masonry rock retaining wall, I-C for overlapping timber steps, I-D for a gabion check dam system with a rock lined drainage ditch and trail tread with rip rap surfacing, and Additive Bid Items II-A for rock-lined swales – type A, and II-B for historic stylized faux-wood handrails;
2. Authorize 15% change order authority in an amount up to \$50,250 for project changes including, but not limited to, unforeseen conditions or necessary design changes, for a total amount not to exceed \$385,250;
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a construction agreement with Wright Construction Engineering Corp, including making minor and non-substantive changes; and

4. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$484,205 from the Regional Park Special Capital Improvement (413) fund to the following:
 - a. \$348,245 into Mt. Rubidoux Trail Amenities Park Development account number 9895220245-44030500 for Bid 7715 expenditures; and
 - b. \$135,960 into Mt. Rubidoux Site and Trails Improvements account number 9908954245 – 44030500 for California Conservation Corp expenditures.

BACKGROUND

Mt. Rubidoux is a 175-acre public open space park in Downtown Riverside. The park's trails and hillsides have been damaged and degraded over time due to drought, erosion, and heavy public use and need rehabilitation, repairs, and improvements. Two different sources of grant funding and labor resources are being used for this work.

Habitat Conservation Fund Grant:

On September 23, 2014, the City Council approved submittal of a grant application to the California State Parks Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) program for funding to repair unpaved trails on Mt. Rubidoux that were damaged by stormwater erosion. Since 2014, erosion and stormwater damage on Mt. Rubidoux have continued to worsen as the region moves out of drought conditions, and more work than initially anticipated is now required to control erosion and stabilize the hillsides throughout the park. The City was awarded \$93,000 in grant funds through the HCF program. At the time of approval of the grant application, the City appropriated \$49,300 of Regional Park Special Capital Improvement (413) funds as part of the required dollar for dollar match, and a combination of in-kind and volunteer labor was planned to make up the remainder of the match.

On January 17, 2017, the City Council awarded a \$87,941 contract to Michael Baker International, Inc. to provide design and engineering services for the project.

California Conservation Corps Proposition 68 Grant:

In 2019, the Inland Empire Center of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) received grant funding through Proposition 68 (the Parks, Environment, and Water Bond), to perform work on Mt. Rubidoux. The grant is for \$542,860 of CCC labor.

DISCUSSION:

Habitat Conservation Fund Grant:

On September 25, 2019, the Purchasing Division posted bid documents on the City's website for Bid No. 7715. On October 16, 2019, three bids were received. All three bids were higher than the engineer's estimate. One company withdrew their bid on October 23, 2019. Per the attached Bid Award Recommendation, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Wright Construction Corp of San Marcos, California. Staff's review of this bidder's references has elicited no negative information. Further, the State Contractor's Licensing Board records indicate that this bidder's license is current, active, and in good standing. The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCSD), therefore, recommends that a construction

contract in the amount of \$335,000 be awarded to Wright Construction Corp for Mt. Rubidoux stormwater, erosion control, trail and site improvements. A 15% change order authority is requested in order to address difficult field conditions in a continuously eroding environment. A supplemental appropriation is required in order to award the contract, and to cover the cost of construction contingency, inspections, and project administration.

California Conservation Corps Proposition 68 Grant:

The CCC’s Proposition 68 grant pays for \$542,860 worth of CCC services to perform trail and erosion/stormwater control related work on Mt. Rubidoux, however, \$77,000 is needed for PRCSD to purchase materials and rent equipment to support the CCC work. In addition, \$58,960 is needed to have the CCC perform work to reclaim, rehabilitate, and re-route trails in the vicinity of the main firebreak leading from Carlson Park up to the top of Mt. Rubidoux. A supplemental appropriation is requested to cover these CCC related costs. Exception (f) under Section 702 of the City’s Purchasing Resolution (Resolution 23256) states that competitive procurement shall not be required when payment for services is to be made to a State agency such as the CCC.

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommendation to award the construction contract to Wright Construction Corp of San Marcos, CA complies with Purchasing Resolution No. 23256.

The Purchasing Manager also concurs the exception to formal procurement procedures for the CCC’s services is in compliance with Purchasing Resolution No. 23256 Section 702 (f).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs of the proposed Council actions are outlined in the tables below.

Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Project Costs:

Construction Contract Award for Bid 7715	\$335,000
Construction Contingency, Administration, Inspections for Bid 7715	\$67,000
TOTAL	\$402,000

California Conservation Corp Project Costs:

Materials & equipment for CCC	\$77,000
Additional CCC labor	\$58,960
TOTAL	\$135,960

The total fiscal impact of this Council action is \$537,960. A \$484,205 supplemental appropriation from the Regional Park Special Capital Improvement (413) fund is requested to supplement the existing \$53,755 of project funds available, to award the construction contract, hire the CCC for additional services, and provide materials and equipment needed for the CCC.

Account Description	Account	Funds Available	Supplemental Appropriation
Mt. Rubidoux Trail Amenities Park Development (Regional Park Fee)	9895220245-44030500	\$24,300	\$348,245

Mt Rubidoux Trail Amenities (State HCF Grant Funds)	9895200122-44022000	\$29,455	\$0
Mt. Rubidoux Site and Trail Improvements (Expenditure Acct for CCC Prop 68)	9908954245-44030500	\$0	\$135,960
TOTAL		\$53,755	\$484,205

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 availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
 Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
 Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: Bid Award Recommendation