



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



July 14, 2020

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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH ECORP CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE HABITAT MITIGATION MONITORING, REPORTING, AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE "WILLOW STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION COMPLIANCE" (STL0444) PROJECT

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

Construction of the "Phase II - Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project" (STL0261) is complete and habitat mitigation monitoring, reporting and maintenance for Year 1 of the required 5-Year mitigation program is currently underway. By Resolution 2020-084, City Council established the "Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project - Environmental Mitigation Compliance" (STL0444) project for the Year 2 thru Year 5 environmental mitigation compliance program period. Approval of the agreement with ECORP Consulting, Inc. will provide the consultant services required by the City for completion of the remaining mitigation program period.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed Project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the proposed action(s) were adequately covered in previously adopted Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Addenda 1, 2 and 3 for the Phase II - Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project and previously certified Categorical Exclusion pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 23, Section 771. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on November 14, 2011 the City, acting as Lead Agency, approved IS-10-006. Thus, no further CEQA environmental review or determination is required. In addition, the Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in conjunction with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the state department designated as Lead Environmental Agency by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for federally funded street projects. It was determined that the Project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 771.117(d); activity:(d)(1) [Modernization of a Street by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation or reconstruction]. Thus, no further NEPA environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

BACKGROUND

As required by the “Compensatory Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (CMMP) for the Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project”, dated December 2012, (Attachment 1) the City is required to implement a mitigation monitoring, reporting and maintenance program that will successfully revegetate and restore the temporary impact areas to the native habitats and jurisdictional resources that were originally present in these areas prior to the bridge replacement associated with the “Phase II – Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project” (STL0261) [Federal Project No. BHLS-5203(016)]. In order to demonstrate successful restoration, the program will extend for a period of at least 5 years after completion of the bridge replacement construction. Year 1 of the program started in July 2019 and was included with said project that was awarded by City Council on January 17, 2017 by Resolution 2017-014 as part of the bridge construction project.

Year 2 thru Year 5 of the mitigation monitoring, reporting and maintenance program is included with the “Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project - Environmental Mitigation Compliance” (STL0444) [Federal Project No. BRLS-5203(042)] project and comprises of the remaining program period from July 2020 to July 2024.

SELECTION PROCESS

On May 15, 2020, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in the Star News and on Planetbids.com to obtain the highest number of qualified respondents for the “Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project - Environmental Mitigation Compliance” (STL0444) project. A total of five (5) proposals were received on May 29, 2020 as follows (listed in numerical order of maximum total contract dollar amount):

1. ECORP Consulting, Inc. - \$105,000
2. KMEA - \$149,982
3. RECON - \$151,856
4. Natures Image, Inc. - \$167,715
5. Tierra Data, Inc. - \$229,363.32

Staff followed the procurement procedures outlined in the Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 2.56.110 and, due to the Federal funding for the project, the guidelines found in Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), Chapter 10-Consultant Selection (January 2020).

Per the RFP, it was the intent of the City to enter into an agreement with the firm submitting the lowest maximum total contract dollar amount and with additional considerations including, but not limited, to experience, overall qualifications, and ability to provide the required services.

Staff reviewed the proposal submitted by ECORP Consulting, Inc. and determined it was responsive in all material respects and that they are responsible and qualified to perform the requested services. Therefore, City Staff recommends approval of the agreement with ECORP Consulting, Inc. with a maximum total contract dollar amount of \$105,000 (Attachment 2).

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(7) or (8), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code §87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funding is available to cover the agreement with ECORP Consulting, Inc. for consultant services associated with the "Willow Street Bridge Replacement Project - Environmental Mitigation Compliance" (STL0444) project.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Compensatory Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (CMMP)
2. Proposed Agreement with ECORP Consulting, Inc.

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