

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** MAY 10, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF CONTRACT NUMBER 17,972 WITH EIP ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR ANNANDALE CANYON ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 17,962 with EIP Associates to provide additional consultant services for the preparation of the Annandale Canyon Estates Environmental Impact Report in the amount of \$62,100. The new total contract amount will be \$202,913.

BACKGROUND

On June 3, 2002, the City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract in the amount of \$117,813 with EIP Associates to prepare an environmental impact report for the Annandale Canyon Estates Planned Development.

On December 16, 2002, the City Council authorized that the contract be amended an additional amount of \$25,550, bringing the contract up to \$142,813, in order for the EIR to analyze a secondary access road from Figueroa Street to the project site.

Subsequent to the approval of the contract amendment, the analysis was prepared by EIP Associates, and discussed with Southern California Edison (SCE) as the road would traverse its property. Ultimately, SCE determined that the secondary access road from Figueroa Street would not be feasible. Therefore, if the project was to proceed with 29 homes, a second alternative for an access road needed to be found. In meetings with the City of Glendale to discuss the Figueroa Street extension, an alternative route was identified with the City of Glendale staff, which would utilize access across the Scholl Canyon Landfill.

The Draft EIR that was released on August 8, 2003 showed a conceptual alternative route for the access road. Since the release of the DEIR the route of the access road has been refined and located outside the northern border of Scholl Canyon.

The scope of work for this contract amendment reflects revisions to the DEIR to include a detailed analysis of the new route of the emergency access road, review and incorporation of the city's comments, edits to responses in the second screencheck draft document, final review and production of the EIR, plus additional meetings that require the attendance of EIP and their sub-consultants. In addition, the responses to comments from the community, as well as public agencies, have been complicated and required more technical analysis on the part of the consultants. Several meetings were held in response to questions raised by Southern California Edison between the biologist, hydrologist, SCE staff, and the City. In response to comments from the community, additional analysis was completed by the consultants.


SCHEDULE

The project is currently not scheduled for any public hearings and the environmental document is currently being completed. Staff is continuing consultations with the City of Glendale regarding the emergency access road, which requires review and approval by the Glendale City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

The applicant, Annandale Canyon Estates, LLC will pay for all costs associated with the preparation of the additional work on the Environmental Impact Report. With the additional analysis the total amount of the contract will be increased to an amount not to exceed \$202,913.

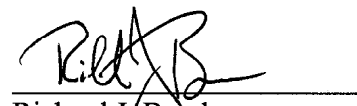
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