

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MAY 9, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF CONTRACT 17,962 WITH EIP ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR ANNANDALE CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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 (EIR) in the amount of \$103,750. The new total contract amount will be \$309,192

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 an amendment for an additional \$25,550 in order for EIP to analyze a secondary emergency access road identified by the developer and required by the California Fire Code and Urban Wildlands Interface Code. This additional \$25,550 brought the total amount of the contract up to \$143,363.

EIP prepared a Screencheck draft EIR which included the use of Figueroa Street as the secondary road. After further discussions with Southern California Edison, however, it was determined that an emergency access road utilizing this street would not be feasible and therefore the document was not circulated.

On May 10, 2004, the City Council approved a second increase in the contract with EIP in the amount of \$62,100 bringing the total to \$ 205,463. The purpose

of this second amendment was to analyze the use of Scholl Canyon for construction access trips and to upgrade an existing fire road for the secondary emergency access road from Glenoaks Boulevard in Glendale to Glen Oaks Boulevard in the City of Pasadena. As part of this amendment, EIP prepared and circulated a Draft EIR and prepared responses to comments received on the Draft EIR.

On June 8, 2004, the Glendale City Council denied the applicant's request to use the emergency access road as well as access for construction equipment through Scholl Canyon. Therefore, the applicant has requested that an alternative analysis be prepared and included in the EIR to analyze an alternative which includes fewer homes and no secondary access road.

The scope of work of this third contract amendment reflects a proposal by EIP to prepare a comprehensive alternative analysis of 24 homes without a secondary access road, and construction trips on local roadways; and a detailed assessment of complex grading, infrastructure systems, and potential tree impacts. It also includes time associated with responding to numerous comments to the Draft EIR. The total amount for this third amendment is \$103,750.

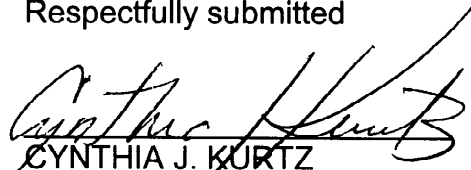
SCHEDULE

Late last year the applicant filed a lawsuit against the City. As part of the negotiations between the applicant and the City, an agreement was reached to continue processing the application according to a schedule under a Stipulation and Order to Stay dated January 26, 2005. This schedule outlines several steps leading towards a final consideration of the application by the City Council. A date for public hearings and the process for moving forward with the application cannot be determined until 60 days after commencement of the environmental analysis and a decision is made as to whether the document requires recirculation.

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 as well as past expenses incurred by EIP. With the additional analysis the total amount of the contract will be increased to an amount not to exceed \$309,192.

Respectfully submitted


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