

Agenda Report

December 14, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO RECON ENVIRONMENTAL INC. FOR LOWER ARROYO HABITAT RESTORATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project proposed herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 2, Section 15304, minor alterations to land, and Section 15333, small habitat restoration projects;
2. Find the portion of the project consisting of installation of a natural barrier on the west side of the channel, to separate archery from other park uses, is also within the scope of the City's February 2, 2015 approval for the Lower Arroyo Archery Range, and that there are no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which it is undertaken, or new information that would warrant the need for evaluation under CEQA; and
3. Accept the bid dated November 17, 2015, submitted by RECON Environmental Inc., in response to the Project Specifications for Lower Arroyo Habitat Restoration, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Lower Arroyo Habitat Restoration project will enhance, conserve, and restore the native plant community of in the Lower Arroyo along the east side of the channel, just south of the casting pond and on the west side of the channel, along the edge of the Archery Range. The work consists of native tree and shrub planting, and installation and modifications of an irrigation system.

The improvements are consistent with the Lower Arroyo Seco Master Plan and the Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines.

A portion of this project, which includes installation of a natural barrier, consisting of rocks and plants on the west side of the channel, to separate archery from other park uses, was previously approved by the City Council in February 2015 as part of a proposal for the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

The Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for the project and in accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids were requested and received.

The project was advertised in the *Pasadena Journal* on October 29, 2015. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications and listed on the City's website. The City's Purchasing Division notified 99 Pasadena-based vendors that registered in the Planet Bid system. Bid packets were obtained by 14 contractors, nine of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on November 17, 2015, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
1. RECON Environmental Inc., San Diego	\$ 98,901
2. FS Construction, Sylmar	\$ 106,311
3. Mariposa Landscapes Inc., Irwindale	\$ 115,159
4. Mallcraft Inc., Pasadena	\$ 127,250
5. United Construction & Landscaping, Northridge	\$ 134,441
6. Terra Form Inc., La Canada	\$ 161,228
7. Los Angeles Engineering Inc., Covina	\$ 184,489
8. KASA Construction Inc., Ontario	\$ 185,519
9. Access Pacific Inc., Pasadena	\$ 199,591

The lowest responsive and responsible bid received was 20 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$125,000.

The Department of Public Works recommends that RECON Environmental Inc. be awarded a contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with RECON Environmental Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. In addition, the proposed contract fully complies with Prevailing Wage Law (Senate Bill 7) per Resolution 9406 adopted by the City Council on December 15, 2014. The Contractor has indicated that the award will result in no new hires to its present workforce.

RECON Environmental Inc. has not previously performed work for the City of Pasadena.

The proposed contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$	98,901
Contingency	\$	11,099
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$	110,000

The Department of Public Works anticipates that construction will begin in March 2016 and be completed by May 2016.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The project is consistent with the Land Use Element of the General Plan by encouraging the stewardship of Pasadena's natural environment and by encouraging the use of native and regionally appropriate landscaping. It is also consistent with the Land Use Element, Policy 9.2 – Arroyo Seco, by continuing and completing comprehensive planning and implementation of plans for the Arroyo, including restoration of the natural area of the Lower Arroyo.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, exempts projects that are of limited scope, including planting and irrigation. The proposed project consists of installation and modifications to an irrigation system, and trees and shrub plantings. No trees will be removed as a part of this project.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, exempts projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. The proposed project includes of native tree and shrub planting, and installation of a natural barrier, consisting of rocks and plants. The proposed project meets all of the specific criteria identified in Section 15333.

Additionally, at the February 2, 2015 City Council meeting, the City Council found the portion of the project consisting of installation of a natural barrier on the west side of the channel, to separate archery from other park uses, was exempt from environmental review under CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and based upon a determination that none of the exceptions to the exemptions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply, and that there is no reasonable possibility that these actions will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The current proposed action is within the scope of the previously approved action, and there are no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which it is undertaken, or new information that would warrant the need for evaluation under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this contract is \$110,000 and the total cost of this action will be \$136,000. Funding for this project is available in the Lower Arroyo – Implement Master Plan – Habitat Restoration, CIP project (budget account No. 77422). It is anticipated that all of the costs will be spent during fiscal year 2016.

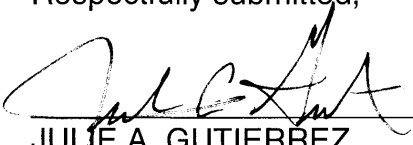
The following table presents a summary of the sources of funds that will be used.

State Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Grant 2011-2012	\$	100,000
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Total Sources	\$	136,000

The following table represents a contract summary.


Base Bid	\$	98,901
Contingency	\$	11,099
Contract Administration/Inspection	\$	26,000
Total Fiscal Impact	\$	136,000

Respectfully submitted,



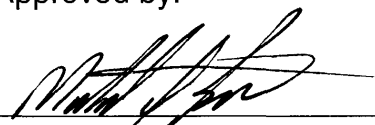
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