

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**Date:** November 23, 1998

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to amend contract with Takata Associates (Services Contract No. 16,688) to include preparation of Sediment Management Study for Hahamongna Watershed Park

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

- 1) The City Council authorize the City Manager to amend Services Contract No. 16,688 with Takata and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the preparation of a Sediment Management Study. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Subsection 1002 (f), Professional or Unique Services; and further, that
- 2) The City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$50,000 in additional revenue from Los Angeles County Public Works Department and appropriate \$25,000 from the City Water and Power Department to Fund 103 - Budget Account 765500 (Hahamongna).

## **BACKGROUND:**

On June 8, 1998, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Takata and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$265,000 for the completion of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan. Services Contract No. 16,688 was signed and executed by the City Manager on October 8, 1998.

The issue of sediment removal at Hahamongna Watershed Park (HWP) is a key element to the successful implementation of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan. There is in excess of 2 million cubic yards of sediment within HWP basin in need of removal. A coordinated plan for its removal needs to be in place before the Hahamongna Master Plan can be implemented. Since the HWP basin is jointly managed by the City as well as the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department, a number of negotiating sessions between key staff of both agencies has now resulted in a mutual agreement to complete this critical work. Technical experts from both agencies as well as the Takata Design team are all in agreement that the findings from a Sediment Management Study are needed to complete the final Park Master Plan.

In two separate letters this year, one to the previous City Manager and another to myself, the Chair of the Hahamongna Advisory Committee stated the importance for this study to move ahead promptly before the final planning of the park. A presentation by staff (both Water and Power and Parks and Natural Resources) was made to the Hahamongna Advisory Committee on June 11<sup>th</sup> and to Deregulation Committee on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, describing the urgent need for the Sediment Management Study. On July 11<sup>th</sup> the Hahamongna Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Sediment Management Study be compatible with and provide the information necessary for Takata and Associates to proceed with the final Park Master Plan; they also requested staff's assistance to work with Los Angeles County Flood Control to collaboratively develop a Sediment Management Plan based on the findings from the Sediment Management Study.

An agreement to participate in sharing the costs for a Sediment Management Study was reached by City staff and staff of Los Angeles County Public Works in October. The Takata Team has the technical capability to conduct this work, since it is closely related to the work already being performed under Services Contract #16,688.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

The Sediment Management Study is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies. This exemption applies to planning studies for possible future actions which have not been approved or adopted. Any Sediment Management Plan resulting from the Sediment Management Study which recommends actions for approval or adoption will be analyzed as part of the Final Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan for possible environmental impacts in the Arroyo Seco Master Plan's Master Environmental Impact Report.

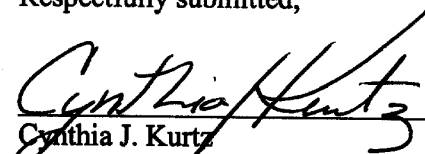
#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The proposed amendment would increase the present contract amount (\$265,000 for Phase I work), by \$100,000, for an amended contract amount of \$365,000. It is anticipated that funding for this additional \$100,000 contract amount will come from the following funding sources:

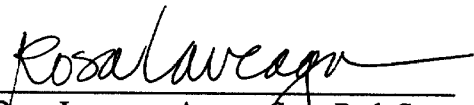
\$50,000 Los Angeles County Public Works (Funds to be recognized)  
\$25,000 Water & Power Department (From current fiscal year budget)  
\$25,000 Parks & Natural Resources (From current fiscal year budget)

The approval of these journal vouchers will allow sufficient funding in the Hahamongna account (765500).

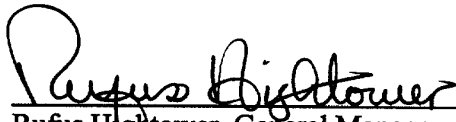
Respectfully submitted,

  
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