



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

TO: City Council

FROM: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB
ROBERT BERRY, SENIOR UTILITIES ENGINEER

SUBJECT: APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS 4, 5, AND 6 FOR THE
WATSONVILLE SLOUGH CONNECTOR TRAIL PROJECT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$138,423.21.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Contract Change Orders 4, 5, and 6, have been submitted by the Contractor for the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project. Scope of work and cost totals have been reviewed by staff and action is needed to fully execute these documents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Contract Change Orders 4, 5, and 6 totaling \$138,423.21 to increase the contract with Granite Construction for the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail project to cover costs of work not included in the original scope, and authorize and direct the City Manager to execute the same.

DISCUSSION:

On July 6, 2021, Council awarded the contract for the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail project to Granite Construction in the amount of \$2,240,320. This work was for civil improvements of the Urban Greening Grant project at Ramsay Park, to install pedestrian and bicycle improvements, storm water enhancements, trees, and landscaping, and other park infrastructure improvements. The Council adopted Resolution 190-21 CM awarding the contract.

On August 19, 2021 a Notice to Proceed was issued to Granite Construction. As the contractor proceeded with constructing the project per the approved plans and specifications, they encountered unforeseen conditions as the result of working in the existing park. Whereas the contract documents identified many of the existing utilities and facilities at Ramsay Park, there were many features that were not shown, and as a result, the contractor did not anticipate encountering these obstructions. Unforeseen conditions and utilities resulted in both extra cost and time lost to the construction crew. In an effort to keep the project moving, the contractor was directed to proceed in addressing these items with the understanding that some extra compensation was due for the unscheduled time and efforts.

In addition, as work progressed, both the City's project management team and their design consultant identified areas where improvements could still be made to deliver to the public a better product, and field directives from the consultant were issued to the contract for design alterations. The contractor reviewed the field directives, provided a breakdown of additional costs, which were reviewed by staff. Once staff approved these costs, the contractor proceeded with the work.

Contract Change Orders 4, 5, and 6 reflect both of these scenarios which resulted in extra costs to the contract.

Contract Change Order No. 4 - \$60,784.46 – This change order covered eleven extra work tasks that the Contractor performed on a force account basis. Work ranged from removing an abandoned sewer line in conflict with the project to the installation of utility sleeves in anticipation of the new Watsonville Exploration project to the relocation of a drainage inlet near the project entrance.

Contract Change Order No. 5 - \$54,303.74 – This change order covered two field directives. Field Directive No. 11 realigned the new walking path on east side of the project to provide an ADA accessible portion up to the new Watsonville Exploration Center. Field Directive No. 14 designed a drainage system behind the new 12" curb on the west side of the basketball court.

Contract Change Order No. 6 – \$23,335.01 – This change order covered six extra work tasks that the Contractor performed on a force account basis. Two notable scopes were the contractor's continual encounters with unforeseen utilities, which always presented a delay and additional work, and the removal and replacement of the existing ADA ramp at the Harkin Slough Entrance to conform to both accessibility requirements and the project design.

Staff has reviewed all three of the change orders and is requesting that they be approved and added to the contract total.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The Watsonville Slough Connector Trail project supports Strategic Plan Priorities:

3-Infrastructure & Environment

5-Community Engagement & Well-Being

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds for this project reside in account 0281-929-7820-14106.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

Contract Change Order No. 4

Contract Change Order No. 5

Contract Change Order No. 6