

# Agenda Report



**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG  
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**THROUGH:** CITY MANAGER MENDEZ

**SUBJECT:** AWARD CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES TO WALLACE GROUP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$119,175 FOR THE NEW NATURE CENTER GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt a resolution to award a contract to Wallace Group, A California Corporation, to provide engineering design services for the green infrastructure project at the new Nature Center in an amount not to exceed \$119,175; and authorize the City Manager to execute said contract.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In October 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 217-22 approving the submittal of a grant application and if awarded appropriate \$827,853.38 from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) under their Urban Greening Grant Program to fund green infrastructure features at the new Nature Center now under development at Ramsay Park. The green infrastructure features complete the Nature Center's new vision as a flagship for sustainable buildings, adding increased stormwater and other environmental benefits not currently included in the Nature Center building design scope.

These features include:

1. Green roof
2. Bio-swale for advanced stormwater treatment and
3. Tree-lined switchback accessible path.

All three features contribute to the new Nature Center's educational exhibitions. Grant funding was sought to subsidize these specific green infrastructure components of the overall Nature Center design.

In 2023, the CNRA notified the City of its successful application and executed grant agreement UG2101-0. Under the agreement, \$119,175 is budgeted for non-construction-related design services out of the total \$827,853.38 budget, inclusive of a 10% contingency and any applicable sales tax.

**DISCUSSION:**

In December 2023, staff requested proposals to provide design services for the three innovative green infrastructure features project from the City's On-Call List from the August 2023 Water and Wastewater Design Services RFQ. Three proposals were received from Wallace Group, Dudek, and Harris. From the three proposals received and reviewed, the City selection committee scored and selected Wallace Group as the firm most qualified to provide engineering design services.

Staff therefore recommends the City award a professional design services contract to Wallace Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$119,175 for the Nature Center Green Infrastructure Project, also referred to as Ramsay Park Project Phase IV.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This project is consistent with the following strategic plan goals:

- 2-Infrastructure & Environment
- 6-Community Engagement & Well-Being.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds for these services will be paid out of the Urban Greening Grant Program CIP Project budget 338-7361-11105.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

Council could choose not to award the contract. However, such action would compound project schedule delays and risk the grant funds the City has been awarded.

**ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):**

None.