

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR FONTES

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 5 WITH HARRIS AND
ASSOCIATES FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000 AND EXTEND CONTRACT TERM TO
JUNE 30, 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving Contract Amendment No. 5 for additional environmental consultant services and time extension for the end date of contract to June 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

On May 14, 2019, Council approved Resolution No. 66-19 (CM) and an agreement with Harris & Associates (Harris) to provide environmental consultant services for the Lee Road Trail Project Phases 1, 2 and 3. Services included assisting the City with completing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, preparation of technical studies, preparation of permit applications for environmental resource agencies such as the California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and others and coordination with the Santa Cruz County Planning Department.

The environmental process is nearing completion and additional effort, and funds are needed to finish the environmental phase. The project involves several regulatory agencies including the US Army Corp of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Caltrans and the Regional Water Quality Control Board and changes in agency staffing extended the time needed for permit approvals. Harris has managed the exchange of questions and answers (Q&A) for these permits and additional funds are needed to support this effort.

DISCUSSION:

Development of the Lee Rd Trail project has required city staff and Harris to work with several regulatory agencies and partners to secure permits. This has led to multiple correspondences with the US Army Corp of Engineers, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Caltrans and Regional Water Quality Control Board, beyond what was originally estimated in the Harris contract. Final coordination has been challenging due to staff

changes within the regulatory agencies and the requested information has created additional effort. The proposed amendment incorporates this work. Construction is scheduled for 2025.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve contract Amendment No. 5 with Harris in the amount of \$4,000 for a new total compensation amount not-to-exceed \$306,122.24 and extend the term of the contract to June 30, 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project addresses the following Strategic Plan Goals:
2-Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost of Contract Amendment No 5 will be \$4,000. This Amendment shall be funded from the following Measure D Account:

Lee Road Trail Phase 1 Account Number 0312-972-7837-14860

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

1. Lee Road Trail Location Map