



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR PALMISANO
DARREN GERTLER, SCIENCE WORKSHOP COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PÁJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 IN SUPPORT OF ACCESIBLE SCIENCE EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Accept and appropriate a contract between Pájaro Valley Unified School District and the City of Watsonville to support accessible science education.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to accept, appropriate, and sign a \$200,000 Contract for Service Agreement (CSA) with the Pájaro Valley Unified School District. The District will pay for the Science Workshop to operate drop-in Science programming at its three locations: River Park, 2nd Street, and Mobile Science Van.

DISCUSSION:

Over the last year, distance learning due to COVID-19 has become a significant challenge for students, teachers, and parents. To lessen the effects of distance learning, our Environmental Science Workshop and the PVUSD are combining resources so that the learning gap can be narrowed this summer via drop-in learning at the Science Workshop.

The project will directly benefit the Science Workshop because it will greatly expand its reach during the COVID-19 shut down. This new partnership will also pave the way for the Science Workshop to work more closely with PVUSD teachers in the future.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This contract from the Pájaro Valley Unified School District supports the Strategic Plan in several ways: 3.C.2 Teen/ Youth Green Careers, 5.A.6. Utilities Outreach Programs, and 5.G.1. Environmental Science Workshop.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the City for implementing this contract. All program costs will be paid by the Pájaro Valley Unified School District through this agreement. It will be appropriated to the Special Grants Fund 0260.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is denied an alternative funding source would have to be secured in order to provide this service.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.