



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 6, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB
ADRIANA FLORES, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT WITH VERDE DESIGN, INC., FOR THE WATSONVILLE
SLOUGH CONNECTOR TRAIL PROJECT AT RAMSAY PARK

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

A contract amendment is needed for additional design services along with extending the end date on the contract between the City of Watsonville and Verde Design, Inc. for the design of the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the contract amendment between the City of Watsonville and Verde Design, Inc. for the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park.

DISCUSSION:

Verde Design, Inc. was contracted in 2019 to provide design services to the City to develop construction documents, plans, and specifications for the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park, that is partially funded by an Urban Greening Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency. The project consists of adding trails, sidewalks, trees, irrigation, landscaping, signage, pedestrian and bicycling improvements, as well as other green infrastructure at Ramsay Park. The purpose of the project is to enhance access and safety for park users and non-vehicular commuters as well as enhance the environment and provide educational opportunities to the public.

The 2019 contract with Verde Design, Inc. also includes Construction Administration services, which consists of supporting the duration of project construction. Due to circumstances caused by Covid-19, construction was delayed over a year, and now the contract needs to be extended so Verde Design, Inc. is able to provide Construction Administration Services. The project is expected to be constructed by Spring of 2022, therefore the contract with Verde Design will be extended one year to June 30th, 2022.

Finally, the City is requesting Verde to provide design services for grant required signage. Verde will provide design for the 26 wayfinding signs and 3 interpretive signs using a vendor that can also provide fabrication of the signs that the City will order once design is complete. The sign text and location for each sign will be provided by the City. The signs will be installed with City forces during the project construction period.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This amendment supports the strategic Plan Priority 03-Infrastructure & Environment by providing design services that will support various construction components for the Slough Connector Trail Project as well as design services for grant required signage for the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total cost for additional services including design signage is \$28,500.00. The Urban Greening Grant Budget account 905-7820-10052 will cover \$26,442.30 and the remaining \$2,057.70 will be charged to the Capital Improvement Urban Greening Project account 901-7820-14922.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

Council may choose not to approve the contract amendment, in which case Verde Design, Inc. would not provide Construction Administration or signage design services for the project.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.