

MOORPARK WATERSHED PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

*A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY EXERCISING JOINT POWERS OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK AND THE SANTA
MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6500 ET SEQ*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2020

TO: The Governing Board Members

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution approving agreement with Phoenix Civil Engineering, Inc. for civil engineering services for planning and design project for trail connection from 80-acres in Tierra Rejada Valley (519-0-210-025) to Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) and authorizing budget allocation for civil engineering services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board approve an agreement with Phoenix Civil Engineering, Inc. for civil engineering services related to Planning and Design Project for Trail Connection from 80-acres in Tierra Rejada Valley (519-0-210-025) to COSCA and approve Resolution Authorizing Budget Allocation for civil engineering services.

Background: In March 2020, the Moorpark Watershed Parks, Recreation and Conservation Authority (the 'Authority') applied for a planning and design grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to prepare a trail alignment and feasibility study for a trail connection between the 80 Acres and the COSCA open space. As a reminder, the grant application was for the services of a civil engineer to determine the feasibility and master plan the alignment and design for the trail connection to the COSCA open space areas in the City of Thousand Oaks through the Santa Rosa Valley. Staff was notified in June 2020 that the Authority had received the grant.

In order to commence the work scope under the grant, the Authority needs to hire a civil engineer. An agreement has been prepared with Phoenix Civil Engineering, Inc. (Phoenix) to perform the grant work scope. Phoenix has done several projects

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of this nature and is well qualified to do the work. In a previous item on this Agenda, the Authority considered a reimbursement agreement and donation from the City of Moorpark for this project. The funds provided by the City of Moorpark will need to be allocated to the project. The grant funds received by the Authority will be used to repay the City of Moorpark loan in accordance with the terms of the Reimbursement agreement.