



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: December 14, 2015
Board Meeting Date: January 26, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

Subject: Agreement Amendment with Questa Engineers for Green Valley Trail Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Questa Engineers for design and planning services for the Green Valley Trail, increasing the amount by \$47,327 to an amount not to exceed \$251,193.

BACKGROUND:

On December 9, 2014, this Board awarded a contract to Questa Engineers for \$203,866 for design and planning services for the Green Valley Trail. The California Coastal Conservancy and San Mateo County have provided the funds for the trail design, planning, and permitting phase. California State Parks and Caltrans have been providing information and guidance as the trail will cross their lands. State Parks has asked County Parks to add design, planning, and permits for the upper Gray Whale Cove State Beach parking lot to the project. State Parks will be responsible for the future construction and operations of the parking lot.

DISCUSSION:

Questa has developed two separate trail segments over the Caltrans lands that have different design complexities based on the natural and built environment and requirements from environmental regulatory agencies. We need additional services from Questa, including a property line survey and map over existing and proposed easements, a revised trail alignment and design modifications for a new elevated boardwalk over the disposal fill site to allow frogs to move downstream under the boardwalk as recommended by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a fiberglass bridge over the western drainage, revisions to permit applications and additional informal agency consultations, an additional partner meeting, revisions to the biological resources assessment and wetlands delineation, and the conducting of a rare plant survey.

The agreement term, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, was amended to extend the expiration to August 31, 2016.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and amendment as to form.

Approval of this resolution will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as design of a section of California Coastal Trail increases the number and quality of natural experiences for visitors to County Parks. Each visitor that experiences the County's natural and recreational resources gains a greater appreciation of the need for their preservation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This proposed amendment to the existing agreement with Questa will increase the amount by \$47,327 to an amount not to exceed \$251,193 to provide design services including revisions to trail alignment over Caltrans lands, and changes to technical studies, CEQA and permit applications. The additional funding is from a Coastal Conservancy grant previously approved by this Board. There are no impacts to the General Fund.