



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Daniel Gho, Public Works Director

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Agreement with TrailPeople for the Point Pinos Trail Project Design, Environmental Review and Permitting

CEQA STATUS: This action is not a project under section 15378 (b),(2) of the CEQA Guidelines, set forth in California Administrative Code, Title 14, Section 15000, et seq.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with TrailPeople for the design, environmental review and permitting of the Point Pinos Trail project for a cost not-to-exceed \$197,697 plus a 10% contingency.

DISCUSSION

In July 2015, the City of Pacific Grove was contacted by the California Coastal Conservancy to evaluate the proposed trail construction project at the Great Tide Pool Site, and to evaluate the possibility of connecting its trail system established along the coastline adjacent to Esplanade Park. In August 2015 a site walk was conducted with Coastal Conservancy staff, and follow up information provided to them for review. This included restoration and trail construction plans for the Great Tide Pool Site, as well as the Point Pinos Trail Project document prepared in 2012 by the Recreation Board, the Natural Resource Committee, and the Traffic and Safety Commission.

In December 2015, the Coastal Conservancy board approved funding Pacific Grove's project, providing \$100,000 to aid the City in the construction of the trail system at the Great Tide Pool Site, and \$150,000 for the planning, permitting and environmental documents for the public access projects at Point Pinos. In March 2016, City Council approved the disbursement resolution for those funds.

In July 2016, as part of the 2016/17 capital improvement budget, City Council allocated \$175,000 from the Reiko Koo fund for the trail construction at the Great Tide Pool Site and the design, engineering and permitting of the Point Pinos Trail Project. These funds will be used as

matching funds for the grant. The City is developing the RFP for the Great Tide Pool Site trail construction.

Currently, the California Coastal Trail exists along the entire coast of the City of Monterey and along 3 of the 4 miles of the City of Pacific Grove's coast. There is an approximately 1-mile gap in the formal trail between the parking lot at the intersection of Ocean View Boulevard and Esplanade Street and the recently improved trail at Asilomar State Beach, although segments of informal trail are found along the bluffs in several places. The proposed project is a formal pedestrian trail seaward of Ocean View Boulevard along Point Pinos approximately 1 mile in length and connects existing trails in Asilomar State Beach and Perkins Park.

It is expected that the creation of a wide, level trail will encourage residents and visitors to use the improved path and not stray off the path and degrade native vegetation. Landscape restoration with native vegetation is included in the project. The location of the path between water and vehicles should improve pedestrian safety. The scope of trail design also includes new handicap parking with convenient trail access. The basis of the RFP was derived from the 2012 Point Pinos Trail Project Report which was prepared by members of the Recreation Board, Natural Resource Committee and Traffic Safety Commission.

On April 4, 2016, the City issued a Request for Proposals for the Point Pinos Trail Project and received five proposals on May 10, 2016. The team that reviewed the proposals consisted of Jessica Kahn, Pacific Grove's Environmental Program Manager, Timothy Duff, Project Specialist for the Coastal Conservancy, and Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove's Public Works Director.

The City reviewed the proposals based on project understanding, timeline, approach, design, quality, staffing and experience of the firm. Of the five proposals the reviewing team selected the top two firms and conducted interviews. Upon completion of the selection process, the City team recommends award to TrailPeople who best fit the scope presented in the RFP and fell within the project budget.

Upon final execution of the agreement the City and TrailPeople will promptly initiate a kick off meeting at which time a schedule will be developed showing key milestones and activates associated with the project. Those key activates include planning and management of the project, conceptual designs, preliminary designs, environmental documentation, final designs and project permitting. Besides the design of the trail, both conceptual and construction drawings, the two major components of the projects will be to develop a mitigated negative declaration and obtaining a coastal development permit.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City has received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy and has \$150,000 allocated from the grant for this project. The remaining \$47,697 plus 10% contingency will be allocated from fund 93, Reiko Koo, as approved by council in the 2016/17 Capital Improvements Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Project Vision and Approach From TrailPeople Proposal

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Daniel Gho
Public Works Director

REVIEWED BY:



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