

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Santa Ynez River Trail Alignment Study Consultant Contract

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 4B

STAFF CONTACT: Jared Carvalho

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement (Attachment A) with KTU&A to prepare a Santa Ynez River Trail Alignment Study for a total amount not to exceed \$65,000 with a period of performance of September 29, 2019 through June 30, 2021; and
2. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to extend the period of performance for up to one additional year pursuant to Agreement Section 4.B and to make immaterial amendments in accordance with Agreement Section 34.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the Santa Ynez River Trail Alignment Study is to identify and assess potential alignments to inform the future development of a multimodal trail along the Santa Ynez River between Buellton and Solvang. There is local support for the development of a multimodal trail to connect the cities of Buellton and Solvang. Current conditions do not allow for a direct, convenient route for bicyclists, pedestrians, or equestrians to travel between the two neighboring jurisdictions. The alignment study is the first step in the development of a multimodal trail. Ultimately, this project aims to highlight the opportunities, constraints, and estimated costs of the various alternatives for a river trail to allow for an informed decision in future alignment selection.

SBCAG advertised a Request for Proposals and received six proposals. The proposals were reviewed and scored by staff of; SBCAG, the City of Buellton, the City of Solvang, the County of Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, and Caltrans. Based on the combined scores, KTUA emerged as the unanimous preferred candidate. This item finalizes the consultant hiring process.

The project will be managed by SBCAG staff. An ad hoc technical advisory committee will be formed to review work and guide the study's progress. The advisory committee will include representation from: City of Buellton, City of Solvang, County of Santa Barbara, County third district supervisor's office, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Caltrans, and bicycling and equestrian representatives.

This project is included in SBCAG's FY 2019/20 Overall Work Program and has a budget of \$65,000 for the consultant aspect of this project. SBCAG is the primary funder of the project, however the cities of Solvang and Buellton will each contribute \$5,000 and the County of Santa Barbara will contribute \$10,000.

The recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

During its September meeting, the Technical Transportation Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend the SBCAG Board authorize the execution of the contract with the KTUA.

ATTACHMENT:

- A. SBCAG – KTUA Professional Services Contract (web posting only)