

The County of Yuba

Community Development and Services Agency



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Development and Services Agency, Kevin Perkins

SUBJECT: Community Development and Services: Award contract to ECORP Consulting, Inc., for the Environmental review for the CDBG-DR Roadside Fuel Reduction Project, and authorize Chair to execute.

DATE: March 28, 2023

NUMBER: 122/2023

Recommendation

Community Development and Services Agency (CDSA) recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement with ECORP Consulting, Inc. for the environmental review for the CDBG-DR Roadside Fuel Reduction Project, and authorize Chair to execute.

Background

On March 9, 2021, the BOS authorized the submittal of an application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to receive a \$500,000.00 allocation of CDBG Disaster Recovery funds (CDBG-DR) under resolution No. 2021-028, to undertake a project known as the County of Yuba Roadside Fuel Reduction Project. During the Project period of approximately 10/1/2022 through 2/28/2026, the County will utilize CDBG Program – 2017 DR-Infrastructure funds for the proposed roadside fuel reduction project.

The goals of the project are to create fuel breaks along County roadways, reduce fire spread to structures and/or natural resources, allow access for fire-fighting equipment, and to provide safe evacuation routes for residents. Currently, trees on either side of the roads encroach to the point where the canopies extend over the roads and vegetation encroaches up to the edge of the roadways, allowing fires to cross the roadways easily while also impeding ingress and egress to at-risk communities. This project would also benefit the potable water systems in Brownsville and Camptonville, and would help protect and preserve access to the airport adjacent to La Porte Road in Brownsville. This roadside fuel reduction project will benefit the residents of hundreds of habitable structures.

Discussion

CDSA solicited proposals from qualified, professional consulting firms to undertake the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) required Biological Resource Report and/or the preparation of the entire

Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) to proceed with the project. The roadside fuel reduction project will address 45.7 centerline miles of rural roads in the forested portions of the Sierra foothills of Yuba County, including 18 road segments, serving seven at-risk communities. The 18 road segments proposed for fuel reduction include the following: Baker Road (from Garden Valley to end), Youngs Hill Road (Entire Length), La Porte Road (Woodleaf Tunnel Road to Oregon Hill Road), La Porte Road (Scale Road to Barton Hill Road), Marysville Road (Moonshine Road to SR 49), Frenchtown Dobbins Road (Entire Length), Frenchtown Road (Willow Glen Road to Frenchtown-Dobbins Road), Oregon Hill Road (Marysville Road to Moran Road), Mountain House Road (Cleveland Avenue to County Line), Challenge Cutoff Road (County line to La Porte Road), Indiana Ranch Road (Indy New York Road to Forsythe Road), Indiana School Road (Indiana Ranch Road to Marysville Road), Pendola Road (Garden Valley Road to Old Camptonville Road), and Cleveland Avenue (SR 49 to Mountain House Road).

Two proposals were submitted by qualified consultants. Staff ranked the two proposals based on the consultant’s qualifications and which best met the requirements of the Request for Proposals solicitation. ECORP Consulting, Inc., was the highest ranked consultant and a cost of \$52,189.50 was mutually agreed upon for the proposed scope of work. CDSA recommends the Board award the subject contract to ECORP Consulting, Inc., and authorize the Chair to execute.

Committee Action:

Due to the routine nature of the request, this item is being presented directly to the full Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal Impact:

The funding commitment is \$52,189.50, which is 100% reimbursable through the CDBG-DR grant.

Source of Funds:

General Fund -	None
Non-General Fund -	\$52,189.50
Source of Funds -	CDBG-DR funding allocation

Attachments

CDBG Roadside Fuel Reduction Environmental Contract