

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: August 8, 2018
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kelly McCullough, Finance Manager
REVIEWED BY: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of Contract with CEQA Consultant Rincon Consultants, Inc. for Environmental Review/Initial Study of PCR

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully recommends the Board approve the Rincon Consultants, Inc. proposal to prepare an Initial Study for the draft proposed Palo Corona Regional Park General Development Plan (**ATTACHMENT 1**) and approve the Professional Services Agreement (**ATTACHMENT 2**) for the environmental services scope of work.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$62,052

FUNDING SOURCE:

6966 – Palo Corona Improvements

FUNDING BALANCE:

\$800,000

DISCUSSION:

The draft proposed Palo Corona Regional Park General Development Plan (GDP) will be presented to the Board at the August 8, 2018 meeting. If the Board approves a draft proposed GDP and authorizes environmental review of the proposal, an Initial Study to determine the appropriate level of CEQA documentation will be necessary. The draft proposed GDP is considered the “project” for the purposes of the CEQA analysis.

Under County of Monterey policy, the selection of the Environmental Consultant may be through the prequalified and approved consultants list established by the Monterey County Board. Rincon Consultants, Inc., has been prequalified and approved for CEQA consulting by Monterey County for projects that ultimately must be approved by the County. If after environmental review a final GDP is ultimately approved by the District, it will then need to be approved by the County as a Coastal Development Permit application.

District policy also states, “Professional consultant services are of a technical and professional nature and, due to the nature of the services to be provided, do not readily fall within the “low bid” competitive bidding process. In addition, State law (GC 2254) requires that selection of professional consultants in the categories of architects, landscape architects, engineers, surveyors, and environmental consulting be made on the basis of demonstrated competence and the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory

performance of the required services. Professional consultants should be individually selected for a specific project or problem with the objective of selecting the most qualified consultant at a price that is fair and reasonable.”

Rincon Consultants, Inc., is currently preparing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Rio Ranch Marketplace Project on Rio Road, across from the Crossroads Shopping Center and recently prepared the EIR for the Carmel Rio Road Subdivision Project located on Val Verde Drive, which is less than 0.5 miles west of the Front Ranch Unit of Palo Corona Regional Park. Based on the consultant’s qualifications, relevant experiences, and match to this site’s CEQA project requirements, MPRPD staff is recommending that Rincon Consultants, Inc., as a prequalified environmental services firm with the County of Monterey, be selected to provide an Initial Study.

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Professional Services Agreement (**ATTACHMENT 2**) in substantially the form attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Rincon Consultants, Inc. Proposal](#)
2. [Professional Services Agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc.](#)