

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6-F

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD REPORT

DATE: April 1, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jake Smith, Planning & Conservation Program Manager
REVIEWED BY: Eric Morgan, General Manager *E. Morgan*
SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration
Construction Management Services

SUMMARY

Staff respectfully recommend that the Board authorize the award of a contract to Outset Advisors, in partnership with Ausonio Incorporated, for construction management services including Phases 2 and 3 of the Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$796,633 for construction management services across Phase 2 (2026) and Phase 3 (2027).

FUNDING SOURCE

The Project is funded by \$35,000,000 in state and federal funding secured by the State Coastal Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Board. No local match is required for implementation.

FUNDING BALANCE

Funding is anticipated to be maintained via advance grant payments that will be issued by the State Coastal Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Board.

DISCUSSION

Background

The Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project (Project) is restoring a 1-mile section of the Carmel River and reconnecting approximately 40 acres of floodplain habitat. The Project is currently transitioning from its highly successful first year of construction. Phase 1 of the Project (West Side), completed in 2025, achieved the following primary milestones:

- Soil Management: Excavated and graded 266,650 cubic yards of soil, including coordination of soil-sharing with the Rancho Cañada Village Housing Development to reduce onsite soil disposal.

- Habitat Complexity: Constructed 23 large wood habitat structures and 3 new riffles using 1,544 cubic yards of native gravel.
- Revegetation: Sowed 30.55 acres with native seed and planted 78,225 native plants and willow cuttings to stabilize the new floodplain.
- Infrastructure: Demolished 6,649 square yards of legacy golf course paths and constructed new accessible aggregate trails.

Construction Management for Phase 1 was provided by Anchor Engineering, Inc.. Following the departure of lead project staff from that firm in Fall 2025, the District issued a formal notice of termination on October 23, 2025, pursuant to Section 2.7(A) of the Professional Services Agreement with the firm. Subsequently, on February 18, 2026, the District issued a [Request for Proposals for Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project Construction Management Services](#) (RFP) that requested the Construction Management services for Phases 2 and 3 of the Project. A total of two (2) firms submitted proposals by the March 16, 2026, deadline (**Table 1**).

Table 1. Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project Construction Management Proposal Amounts.

Consultant Firm (Location)	Total Proposed Cost
Outset Advisors (w/ Ausonio Inc.) (Glen Ellen / Castroville, Ca)	\$ 796,633
Kundlas Consulting Group	\$1,145,664

The proposals were evaluated according to the requirements and evaluation criteria outlined in the RFP, including team qualifications and experience, approach, past performance, and price, where Outset Advisors’ proposal that included Ausonio Inc. was determined to be the highest scoring and responsive proposal with the lowest total proposed cost (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully recommend that the Board:

1. Authorize award of contract to Outset Advisors for Construction Management Services according to the attached contract template (**ATTACHMENT 2**). in the amount of \$796,633.
2. Authorize the general manager to take all action necessary as required to finalize and execute these agreements substantially as to form.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Proposal - Outset Advisors](#)
2. [Contract Template](#)