

DATE: September 17, 2020

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Deborah Enos, Deputy Executive Office

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 13: Consideration of a resolution to approve a design services contract amendment with Withers & Sandgren (WCA14502) for the River Wilderness Park Entry project.

RECOMMENDATION: The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Governing Board approve a design service contract amendment with Withers & Sandgren (WCA14502) for the River Wilderness Park Entry project increasing the not to exceed value by \$86,370 from \$438,511 to \$524,881 and extending the performance period to June 31, 2021.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The River Wilderness Park Entry Project is the realization of a portion of the Master Plan vision to provide public access to the dynamic Azusa Canyon along a natural stretch of the San Gabriel River, including features demonstrating watershed management and supporting responsible use of protected lands and stewardship for people and wildlife. Upon completion River Wilderness Park would be one of the most accessible mountain destinations in the region, only three miles from the Gold Line and bus Azusa Intermodal Transit Center, and incorporating an extension of the 38-mile San Gabriel River Bikeway into the park, connecting the ocean to the mountains. This site is envisioned as a gateway at the mouth of the Azusa Canyon—one of the primary access points into the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Elements include walking paths, grading and planting for water management and habitat, children’s adventure play area, pavilion, restrooms, river overlooks, interpretive features, foundation for a new concession building, new entrance, and accessible parking (Exhibits A and B Project Location and Entry Improvements Conceptual Plan).

BACKGROUND: In October 2007, a RWP Master Plan was adopted by the WCA. On May 15, 2014, the WCA accepted a grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) in the amount of \$455,998 for planning and design, through construction documents (CD), for an initial package of entry improvements and related park features. On July 24, 2014, the WCA Board awarded Withers & Sandgren a design services contract for the River Wilderness Park Entry project funded by this RMC grant.

Comprehensive funds for elements have been sought for an efficient construction process that would minimize significant costs and impacts of phasing. To date WCA has secured five grants totaling more than \$3 Million, with additional applications pending. However, while remaining gaps still include the State Route 39 roundabout, staff recommends completing the construction documents package for a project that can both be completed with existing funds before current grant periods come to close, and support construction job opportunities in the near-term. This action will require increase in the design budget due to escalation in costs over the project period, updates to remove unfunded portions of the 60% drawing sets, increase of structural footprints and architectural services, the need to revise electrical drawings which requires consultant to replace former electrical engineer drawings, and the addition of utility connections to the main building that hosts the WCA and RMC offices. Any additional fee related to

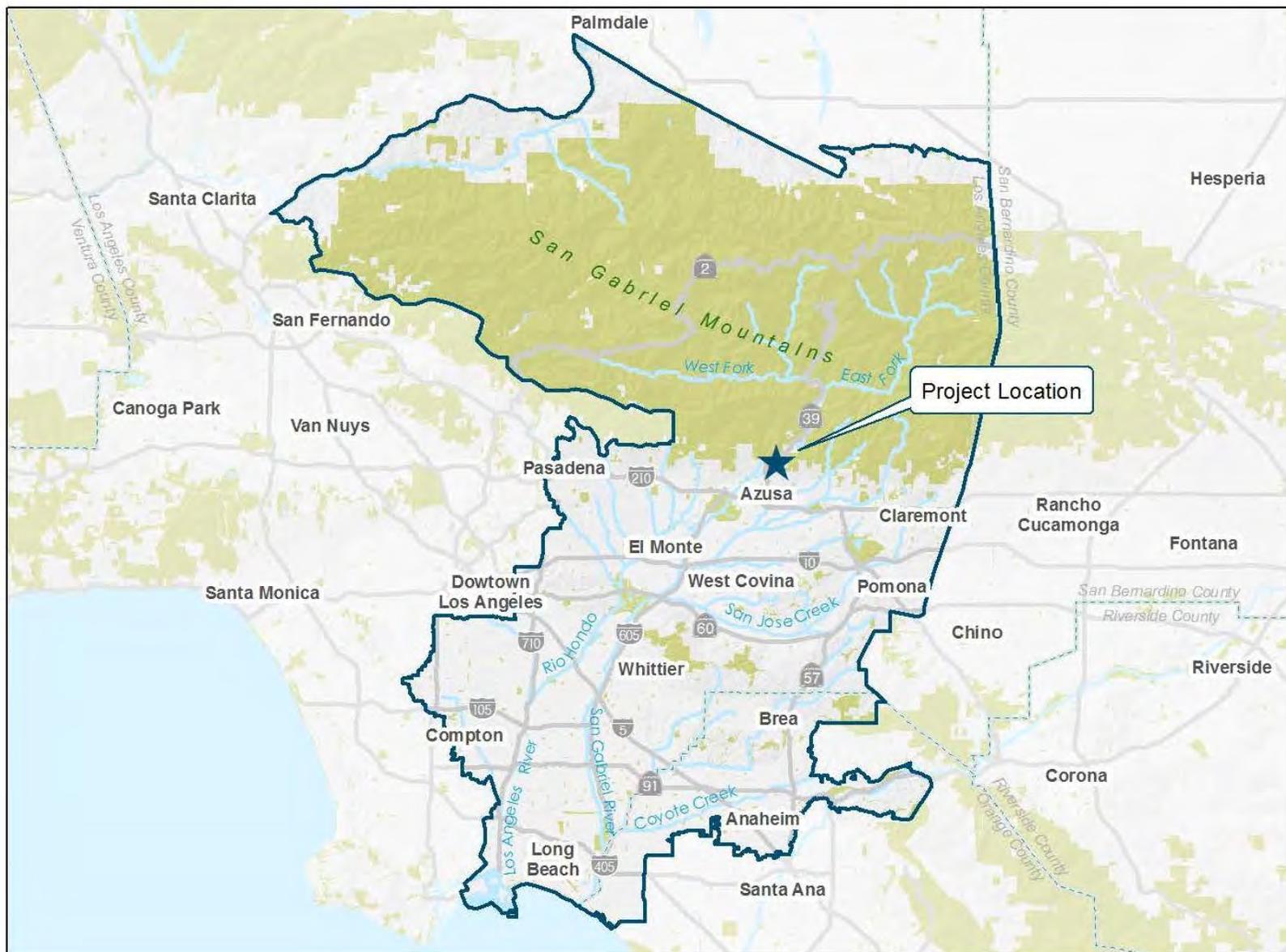
completing the separate roundabout, trail extension, and concession building design documents will be brought before the Board at a future date once funding is secured.

FISCAL INFORMATION: This action will be funded by a grant augmentation from both the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy RMC14001 amended July 2018, and RMC17020 amended November 2019. The amendment will provide for an increase in existing not to exceed budget by \$86,370, increasing the total contract from \$438,511 to \$524,881 (Exhibit C Proposed Budget Amendment). This budget will support preparing for bid of design elements listed in project description above on an expedited schedule centered on existing grant periods and supporting near-term workforce opportunities (Exhibit D Timeline).



Exhibit A

River Wilderness Park Location





- EXTENDED BICYCLE PATH
- MONUMENT SIGN
- CLUSTERED PARKING
- REALIGNED ROADWAY
- ENTRY GATE
- INTERPRETIVE TRAIL
- GROUP PICNICKING & TENT CAMPING (BY PERMIT)

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

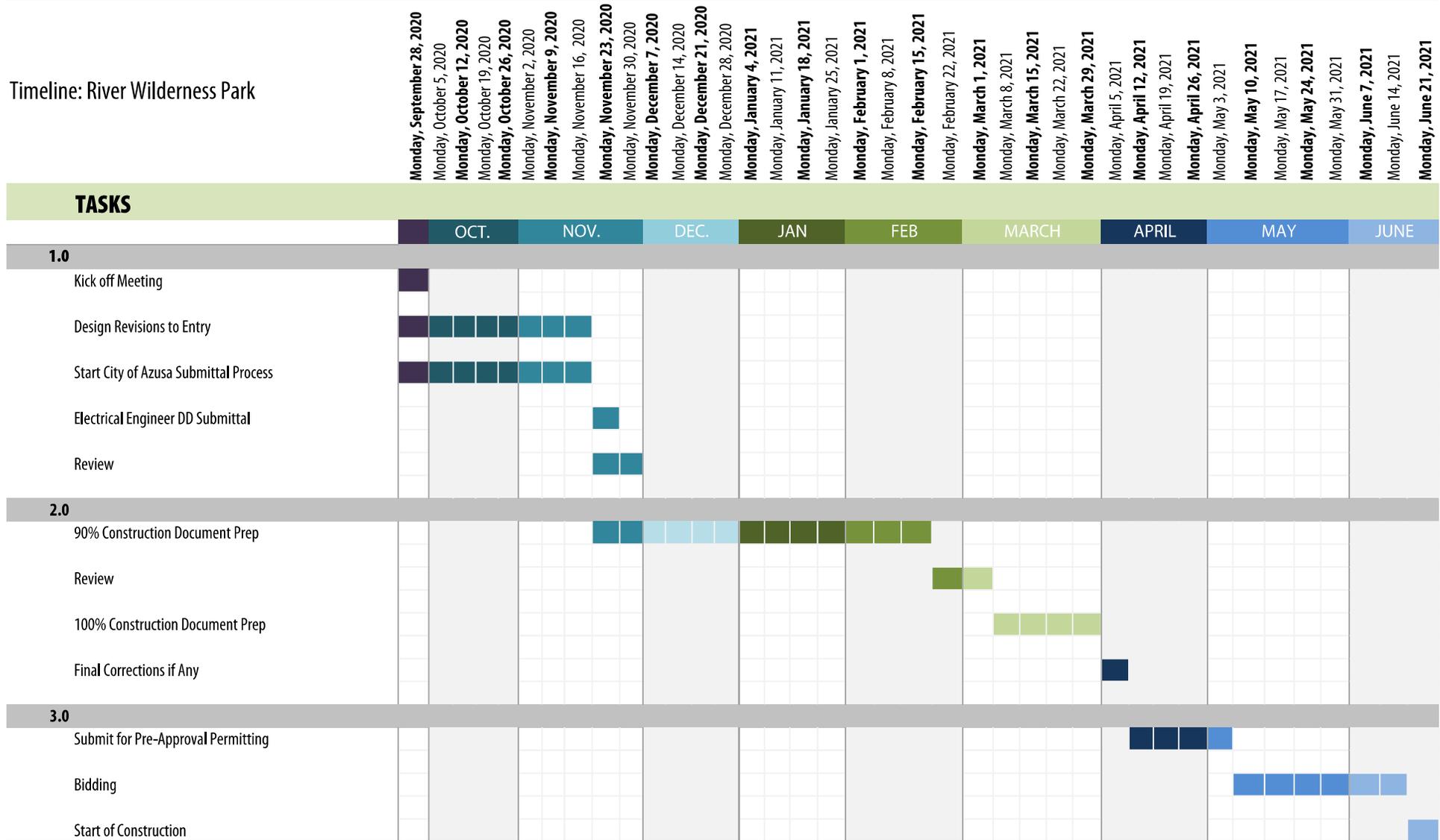
RIVER WILDERNESS PARK ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS

Exhibit C: River Wilderness Park Proposed Budget Amendment September 2020

	2018 Total	2020 Total	Change	Status
Task 1. General Development				
1.1 Review of Completed Site Analysis and Planning	\$4,440	\$ 4,440	\$ -	Completed
1.2 Topo Survey/ROW mapping for road/add. Elements	\$8,960	\$ 8,960	\$ -	Completed
1.3 Traffic Studies	\$14,030	\$ 14,030	\$ -	Completed
1.4 Tree and Plant evaluation, collection of prev wrk	\$1,020	\$ 1,020	\$ -	Completed
1.5 Historical/Archaeological investigation	\$6,055	\$ 6,055	\$ -	Completed
1.6 Air Quality Grn Gasses Rpt/biological investigation	\$12,405	\$ 12,405	\$ -	Completed
1.7 Jurisdictional Boundaries/Wetland Delineation	\$9,960	\$ 9,960	\$ -	Completed
1.8 Hydrological Studies/Stormwater Management	\$4,590	\$ 4,590	\$ -	Completed
1.10 Utility Feasibility Plan	\$4,950	\$ 4,950	\$ -	Completed
1.11 Roundabout/traffic calming Caltrans Approval	\$10,200	\$ 10,600	\$ 400	Completed
1.13 Meetings with Agencies and Other Entities	\$3,960	\$ 3,960	\$ -	Completed
1.14 Meetings with WCA	\$4,950	\$ 4,950	\$ -	Completed
1.15 Site Analysis Memorandum	\$3,390	\$ 3,390	\$ -	Completed
Additional Services Task 1 - Additional CEQA Documentation	\$6,780	\$ 6,780	\$ -	Completed
Subtotal	\$95,690	\$ 96,090	\$ 400	
Task 2. Design Development to 30% CD's				
2.1b Revise design to remove roundabout and revise entry		\$ 12,180	\$ 12,180	
2.2b Prepare new DD electrical plans, work with Azusa/SCE		\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	
2.3b Meetings with WCA		\$ 6,380	\$ 6,380	
2.2a Archit Elements(Pavillion and Restroom) Site Furn.	\$19,090	\$ 19,090	\$ -	Completed
2.3a Rough Order of Magnitude Cost Estimates	\$8,170	\$ 8,170	\$ -	Completed
2.4a Plant Palette Compilation and Creation	\$1,440	\$ 1,440	\$ -	Completed
2.5a 30% CD's Submittal Package	\$28,350	\$ 28,350	\$ -	Completed
2.7a Geotechnical Report (Contracted Separately)	\$16,065	\$ -		Completed
2.8a Team meetings with WCA	\$6,575	\$ 6,575	\$ -	Completed
Subtotal	\$79,690	\$ 96,185	\$ 16,495	
Task 3. 60%, 90% & 100% Construction Documents				
3.1 Preparation of 60% Construction Documents	\$20,280	\$ 20,280	\$ -	Completed
3.2 Preparation of 60% Specifications and Costs	\$6,150	\$ 3,075	\$ (3,075)	Completed
3.3 Submit for review and respond to comments	\$3,810	\$ 953	\$ (2,858)	Completed
3.4 Preparation of 90% Construction Documents	\$77,161	\$ 80,525	\$ 3,364	
3.5 Preparation of 90% Specifications and Costs	\$9,900	\$ 9,310	\$ (590)	
3.6 Submit for review and respond to comments	\$4,380	\$ 5,450	\$ 1,070	
3.7 Preparation of 100% Construction Documents	\$17,730	\$ 34,125	\$ 16,395	
3.8 Preparation of 100% Specifications and Costs	\$4,980	\$ 5,565	\$ 585	
3.9 Permitting and Entitlement Support/Prepare Permit App	\$21,390	\$ 20,205	\$ (1,185)	
3.10 Construction Phasing Recommendations	\$2,940	\$ 2,560	\$ (380)	
3.11 Revise CD's per permitting agency comments	\$3,780	\$ 9,680	\$ 5,900	
3.12 Prepare a project construction phase SWPPP	\$840	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,160	
3.13 Complete signage design	\$7,800	\$ 7,350	\$ (450)	
3.14 City of Azusa meetings		\$ 7,060	\$ 7,060	
3.15 City of Azusa submittal package		\$ 13,860	\$ 13,860	
3.16 Preparation of Permitting Plan/Scheduling	\$4,740	\$ 4,200	\$ (540)	
3.17 Meetings with Agencies and WCA	\$9,720	\$ 25,630	\$ 15,910	
3.18 Prepare a Low Impact Development Plan (LID)	\$4,230	\$ 6,150	\$ 1,920	
Env Analysis/Doc Prep/Filing Assist for CEQA	\$7,720	\$ 7,720	\$ -	Completed
Initial Study	\$19,100	\$ 19,100	\$ -	Completed
Subtotal	\$226,651	\$ 288,798	\$ 62,147	
Subtotal for Consultant Services	\$402,031	\$481,072	\$79,041	
Fee for Administration by Prime Consultant	\$12,584	\$24,559	\$11,975	
Reprographic Costs	\$23,896	\$19,250	-\$4,646	
Grand Total	\$ 438,510	\$ 524,881	\$ 86,370	

Withers & Sandgren, Ltd.

Timeline: River Wilderness Park



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RESOLUTION 2020-25

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVIING A DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WITHERS & SANDGREN (WCA14502) FOR THE RIVER WILDERNESS PARK ENTRY PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District); and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action will approve a contract amendment with Withers & Sandgren for additional design services for the River Wilderness Park Entry Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. **FINDS** that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. **FINDS** that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated September 17, 2020.
4. **APPROVES** a contract amendment with Withers & Sandgren for additional design services totaling \$86,370 for the River Wilderness Park Entry Improvements Project increasing the not to exceed contract value to \$524,881 and extending the performance period to June 31, 2021.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Resolution 2020-25

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On September 17, 2020

Herlinda Chico
Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General