

DATE: September 21, 2016

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Johnathan Perisho, Project Manager

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 15: Consideration of a resolution to approve a contract amendment with Long Beach Conservation Corps for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project (WCA16501).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Governing Board authorize the Chair, or designee, to approve a contract amendment with Long Beach Conservation Corps for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project in the amount of \$10,500 to a not-to-exceed contract value of \$30,500.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The WCA received Proposition A grant funding through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project to improve the visibility and safety of the San Gabriel River Bikeway crossing at the heavily trafficked Arrow Highway intersection (Exhibit A).

The Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) has been contracted for installation of the sculpture and surrounding elements. The City of Irwindale has approved the installation for the City Right of Way, however for installation the City requires a contractor with the highest level Class A contractor license. In addition to this change the costs for a certified traffic management plan are also to be included in the proposed revised budget (Exhibit B).

BACKGROUND: In June 2010 a grant agreement for \$84,000 was executed between the WCA and Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the First Supervisorial District Excess Funding to implement a place-making art installation referred to as the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project. The project site is located adjacent to the Santa Fe Dam at the busy crossing of the San Gabriel River Bike Trail over the Arrow Highway to improve visibility and safety.

The project scope originally included landscaping and decorative monument signage within both the City of Irwindale street right-of-way (ROW) and the Santa Fe Flood Control Basin, which is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). A multi-year long consultation with USACE and the City was unsuccessful in attaining the USACE's approval to permit the proposed improvements. However, the project scope has been evolved in working with the City of Irwindale to include sculptural art and interpretive signage solely within the City's ROW jurisdiction.

Staff completed a preliminary CEQA review and determined that the proposed project constituted a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15303 (Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15304 (Class 4: Minor Alterations). The Santa Fe Dam Bike Trail Enhancement

Project involves placement of interpretive signage, production and installation of environmental art sculptures, site preparation work, and minor alteration to land. Staff filed a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk following WCA Board approval of the project in January 2015.

A conceptual site plan and sketches were prepared and submitted to the City for review and approval of an encroachment permit to allow installation within their right-of-way, which was approved in October 2015 and finalized December 2015. Following project approval City Public Works reviews continued through 2016, which have culminated in agreements to approve construction of the installation with the addition of a 42" fence around the periphery of the sculpture.

A contract was approved by the WCA Board May 23, 2016 for Goldstone Gates to begin fabrication of the art installation May 23, 2016, and amended for addition of custom fence and delivery January 19, 2016. The WCA further approved negotiation to enter into a contract with a Youth Conservation Corps January 19, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. March 1, 2017 the WCA entered into a contract with the Conservation Corps of Long beach for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. However, additional requirements for a contractor operating in the City of Irwindale to hold a Class A license and final costs for a certified traffic management plan exceed initial estimates. These costs for a small art installation have been negotiated with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach which will also be applying funds allocated from the LA County Park and Open Space District to assist with offering the most equitable project resolution. Through this process the Corps has evaluated and presented contractor bids to the WCA, selecting for a lowest-cost-for-value option. With the adjustments and approvals pending this board action the project is scheduled to be completed this Fall 2017.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The \$10,500 increase of the \$20,000 contract for a total not-to-exceed \$30,500 will satisfy requirements necessary to secure approvals for the project. The budget has been adjusted for the inclusion of these items which are fully funded by the original Prop A grant.



Exhibit A

Territory Map

Santa Fe Dam Bike Trail Enhancement Project

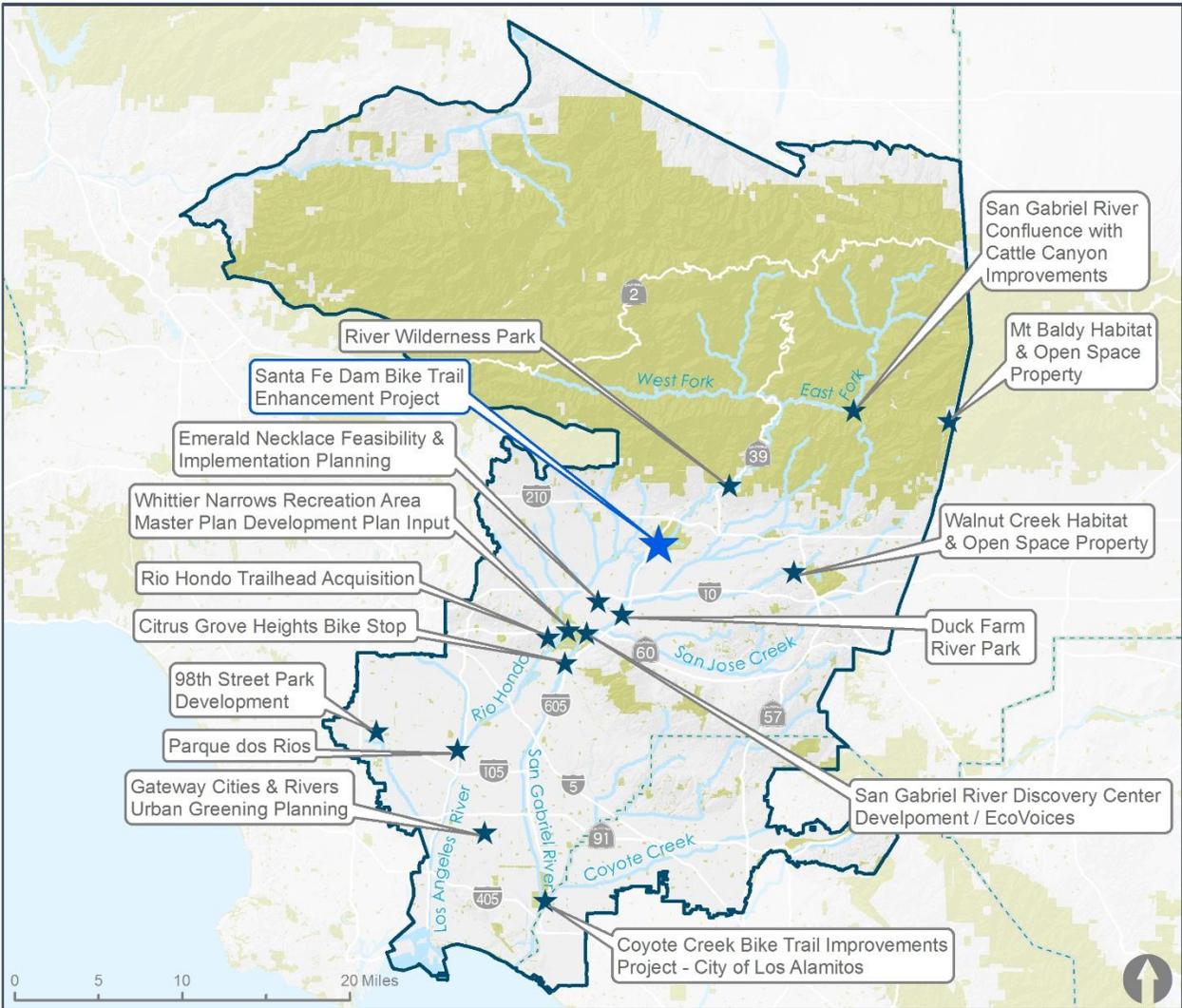


Exhibit B
Conservation Corps of Long Beach WCA16501
Scope of Work

- Demolition: cut and removal of approximately 275 sqft asphalt
- Placement of approx. 10 large (3-4') boulders
- Installation of approx. 40 linear feet 6" concrete curb, to include reinforcement into boulders
 - Curb to include approx. 70 sqft concrete apron to fill removal of asphalt
- Support of installation of approximately 60 linear feet steel pipe fence, which may include installing approx. 13 posts and moving components into place
- Supporting placement of sculptures (3) with a maximum weight of 125 lbs.
- Installation of approx. 60 sqft mortared cobbles and gravel
- Installation of approximately 90 sqft compacted and stabilized decomposed granite
- Mulching and potentially planting approx. 30 sqft planting areas
- Traffic limitations for construction according to City of Irwindale permit specifications

Budget

	Original Proposal	Funding Match
<i>LBCC</i>	\$20,000.00	
<i>General Contractor</i>		
<i>Traffic Management</i>		
Total	\$20,000.00	-

	Amendment #1	Funding Match
<i>LBCC</i>	-\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
<i>General Contractor</i>	\$27,000.00	
<i>Traffic Management</i>	\$3,500.00	
Total	\$10,500.00	\$5,000.00

	Revised Proposal	Funding Match
<i>LBCC</i>		\$5,000.00
<i>General Contractor</i>	\$27,000.00	
<i>Traffic Management</i>	\$3,500.00	
Total	\$30,500.00	\$5,000.00

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RESOLUTION 2017-31

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LONG BEACH CONSERVATION CORPS FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER BIKE TRAIL GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (WCA16501).

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Los Angeles County Flood Control 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 authorizes the Chair, or designee to approve a contract amendment with Long Beach Conservation Corps for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project (WCA16501) to include a certified traffic management plan and contractor with a Class A contractor license to meet City of Irwindale requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); 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 CEQA.
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated September 21, 2017.
4. **APPROVES** a contract amendment with Long Beach Conservation Corps for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gateway Enhancement Project to include a certified traffic management plan and contractor with a Class A contractor license to meet City of Irwindale requirements, increasing the not-to-exceed contract value from \$20,000 to an amount not greater than \$35,500.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On September 21, 2017

M. Janet Chin, Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General