

DATE: January 18, 2018

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Alex Linz, Project Manager

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 15: Consideration of a resolution to authorize the Chair or designee to negotiate and enter into consulting contracts for conceptual design for the Gateway Cities and Rivers Greening Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Governing Board authorize the Chair or designee to negotiate and enter into consulting contracts for conceptual design for the Gateway Cities and Rivers Greening Master Plan for a cumulative contract value up to \$60,000.

BACKGROUND: The Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan will identify planning concepts and urban trail linkage opportunities to the rivers, green streets, open space, parks, and greenways, as well as, provide conceptual design tools for water and air quality improvements within the Gateway Cities region (see Exhibit A: Project Map). The planning project deliverable will take the form of an online urban greening toolkit to be applied by the Gateway COG and member cities. Once adopted this toolkit will provide a mechanism for individual Gateway Cities to competitively apply for grants, as well as, provide a regionally based framework to forward greening projects both locally and regionally. The original SGC Prop 84 grant performance period was extended to September 30th, 2018 and the scope was amended specifying the web-based planning tool as a project deliverable (see Exhibit B: Project Timeline).

The content of the website includes visual elements and renderings of plan concepts. The total scope to be completed by consultants includes:

- 12-15 “Greenscape” renderings in support of the toolkit including perspective, plan, and section views.
- Written content relating the renderings to other urban greening concepts on the site.
- Level of effort support to WCA to collect images and information from organizations and sites in the project area that exemplify urban greening challenges and opportunities in the project area.
- Graphic design of “Strategies” pages.
- Level of effort contribution to a unified visual theme and style for the website.

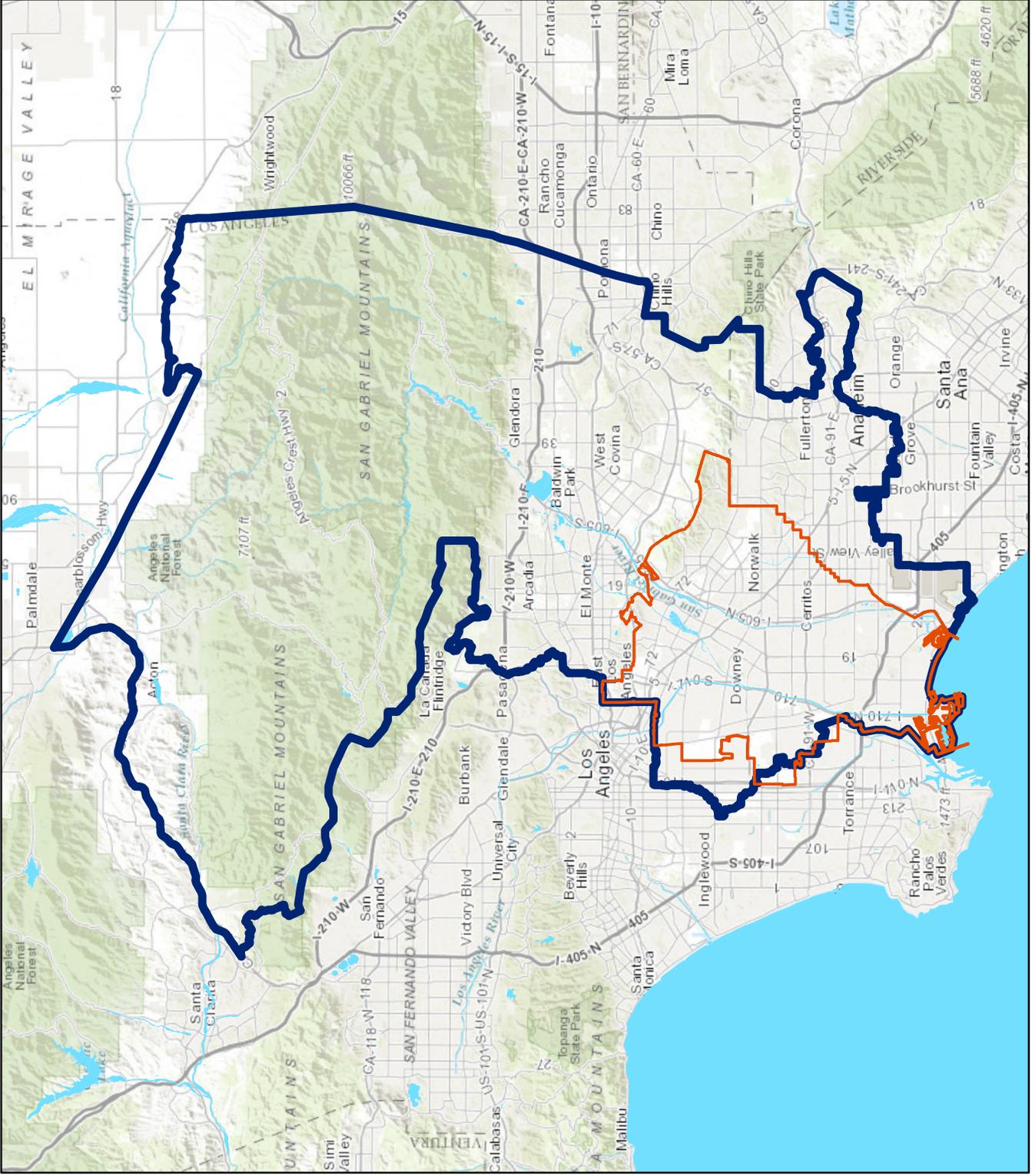
WCA is evaluating proposals and anticipates expending \$15,000 to \$20,000 on up to three or four contracts, however it is possible that \$60,000 will be committed to a single contractor with capacity to accomplish the project scope.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

The contracts will be funded from the Strategic Growth Council's Proposition 84 – Urban Greening and Sustainable Communities Grant for the creation of a greening option palette and is not to exceed a cumulative value of \$60,000.

EXHIBIT A: Project Area Map

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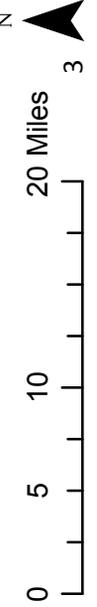


Legend

 Gateway Cities



WCA/RMC Boundary



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RESOLUTION 2018-05

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OR DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONSULTING CONTRACT(S) FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE GATEWAY CITIES AND RIVERS GREENING MASTER PLAN.

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 negotiate and enter into consulting contract(s) for conceptual design for the Gateway Cities and Rivers Greening Master Plan; 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated January 18, 2018.
4. **AUTHORIZES** the Chair of the Governing Board, or designee, to negotiate and enter into consulting contract(s) for conceptual design for the Gateway Cities and Rivers Greening Master Plan for a cumulative contract value up to \$60,000.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On January 18, 2018

M. Janet Chin, Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General