



Meeting Date: February 19, 2020

Agenda Item: 5.2

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Approval of a Task Order for the Sulphur Creek Nature Center Master Plan project

Executive Summary:

The Board of Directors will consider approval of a task order with Placeworks for professional services to prepare the Master Plan for future capital improvements at the Sulphur Creek Nature Center.

Financial Impact:

The Three-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2017-2020 includes \$721,998 of funding for the Sulphur Creek Nature Center project (CIP No. 2-092B) which includes \$222,000 in Measure F1 Bond funds and grant funds from the State in the amount of \$499,998. There are sufficient funds in the project budget to approve the Task Order in the amount of \$67,305.

Staff Recommendation:

By motion, authorize the General Manager to execute a Task Order in the amount of \$67,305 with Placeworks for professional services to develop a Master Plan for future capital improvements at the Sulphur Creek Nature Center.

Description of Item:

In 2018 the District worked with Placeworks to develop a preliminary concept plan that helped secure an Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities (OEEF) grant for Sulphur Creek Nature Center. The District has been awarded the grant in the amount of \$499,998. The grant scope in the preliminary concept plan, attached as Exhibit A, includes a new outdoor classroom, relocated amphitheater, wayfinding and interpretive signage, and an enhanced creekside learning area.

The District intends to develop a comprehensive master plan with community input to incorporate the preliminary concept plan and additional site improvements including park entry enhancements, parking lot upgrades, ADA access improvements, site security upgrades, outdoor exhibit upgrades, and modifications to the Discovery Museum. The master plan, when approved by the Board, will be submitted for a grant application to the State Proposition 68 (2018 Bond Act) Regional Park Program in 2020.

The District solicited a proposal from Placeworks to develop the master plan for the Sulphur Creek Nature Center project. The scope of professional services include community outreach, preparation of conceptual design alternatives, development of the final master plan, cost estimate and grant application assistance. The Placework fee proposal for this scope of work is \$67,305. Staff recommends approval of the task order with Placeworks.

ATTACHMENTS:

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PlaceWorks - Task Order 2	2/6/2020	Exhibit