



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: March 1, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with California Landscape & Design, Inc. for construction of the Milton Green Street Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with California Landscape & Design, Inc. for construction of the Milton Green Street Project in the amount of \$510,813.50.

Background: The Milton Green Street Project was put out for public bid in January 2017. Project construction will include demolition (concrete curb and asphalt street removal), excavation, and construction of new green infrastructure elements. Improvements to the approximately 1,000 feet roadway will include Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extensions for stormwater treatment, new park-adjacent sidewalk, curb and gutter realignment, ADA parking, asphalt paving, striping, landscaping and irrigation. VSCEs will remove various pollutants including trash, oil, and grease from the water before they can enter Ballona Creek, thereby benefitting both the Creek and local beaches. Only a few examples of VSCEs have been successfully constructed in Los Angeles, including MRCA's Dallas Street improvements complementing the Elysian Valley Bike Path project. The Project is funded through several sources, including grants from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, Los Angeles County Proposition A, and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

The bid included an owner's allowance of \$25,000 and an additive alternate to remove and replace additional sections of curb and gutter. This element is expected to be necessary due to anticipated damage that occurs during demolition, which would result in an unacceptable discrepancy between the newer and older sections.

On February 15, 2017, six (6) bids were received from general contractors. On February 17, 2017, the lowest bidder, CS Legacy Construction, Inc., withdrew their bid citing a clerical error, and MRCA accepted the withdrawal. Section 3.2(c) of the MRCA's Purchasing and Contracting Procedures states that all construction and improvement contracts in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by the Governing

Board. Staff, in consultation with MRCA's construction manager (TELACU), reviewed the bids and references and found California Landscape & Design, Inc. to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in accordance with Public Contract Code section 20815 *et seq.* CLD is not certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise, however self-reported a 50% disadvantaged ownership stake. A Notice of Intent to Award Bid was issued on February 21, 2017. The full list of bids and California Landscape & Design Inc.'s bid form are attached.

Consideration: Staff recommends authorizing the full Base Bid, plus Additive Alternate #1 (curb replacement), for a total of \$510,813.50. This amount includes a \$25,000 allowance for incidental cost increases related to unknown conditions or changes initiated by MRCA.

Fiscal Impact: Funding for the contract comes from the existing grants for capital improvements for the Milton Green Street, and the expenditure was anticipated in the adopted FY 16/17 budget and those grant budgets. The bid came in below the budgeted amounts. Staff time to manage the contract is also funded by those grants. CLD will be paid on a monthly progress basis, and payments will extend into fiscal year 17/18. Maintenance of the project improvements is the responsibility of the City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Sanitation, and no ongoing expenses will result from the subject contract. No impact to the general fund will result from the subject contract. Completion of the construction work will fulfill MRCA's obligations under the affected grants, eliminating the potential liability for non-performance.