

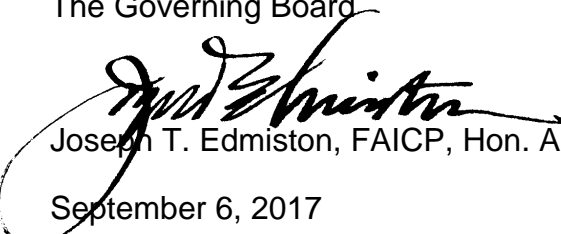


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 6, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract augmentation with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for asphalt paving at Wilacre Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract augmentation with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for asphalt paving at Wilacre Park in the amount of \$79,248.

Background: Located in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains on Laurel Canyon Boulevard, the 128-acre Wilacre Park provides access to the Betty B. Dearing Trail and the Cross Mountain Park Trail system to Fryman Canyon Park, Coldwater Canyon Park, and Franklin Canyon Park. Because of this extensive access and convenient location, the trailhead at Wilacre Park is a popular hiking location and the high amount of use has strained the parking and visitor-serving amenities at the trailhead. To better serve the public, improvements are planned to build a new permanent restroom, storage building, upgrade the parking lot facilities, trail rehabilitation work, and other general visitor amenities. Building construction is scheduled to begin in early September 2017.

In addition to surfacing an area that is currently unimproved dirt, other paving renovations will bring the facility into compliance with current ADA codes and allow for better and safer pedestrian routes. In July, MRCA staff solicited bids for the parking lot expansion and received bids from three paving contractors. The bidders also included pricing for the ADA parking and ramps, concrete sidewalks, and concrete retaining wall work. The lowest bid was submitted by Hardy & Harper, Inc.

MRCA currently has a contract with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for asphalt paving based on a pre-agreed upon unit price for over 20 options of asphalt paving types and related work, including different depths of asphalt from 3-6 inches, base material layers, removals, curbs, crackfill, speed bumps, etc. Hardy & Harper, Inc. submitted \$72,044 based on the unit bid prices secured in the original contract. Staff recommends that the Board approve 10% more than the bid amount to allow for contingencies and additional services.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize a contract amendment with Hardy & Harper, Inc. In an amount not to exceed \$79,248.

Fiscal Impacts: The contract augmentation will be paid out of the existing grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The expense will occur during the fiscal year 17/18 and was anticipated in the budget. The new retaining wall and paved areas are expected to reduce annual maintenance costs.