



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2014

CONSENT

APPROVE A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE PALM SPRINGS MOUNTAINS FOR \$30,000 TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR PUBLIC TRAILS IN THE CHINO CONE.

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SUMMARY

The Friends of the Palm Springs Mountains have proposed to prepare a plan for the establishment of public trails within the Chino Cone. This action will authorize an agreement between the City and the Friends for \$30,000 to prepare a plan and undertake the approval necessary for the installation of such trails.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a consultant services agreement with the Friends of the Palm Springs Mountain, a California non-profit benefit corporation, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to prepare a plan and apply for and process all approvals necessary for the installation of such public trails.

ANALYSIS:

The City and the Friends of the Palm Springs Mountains have been actively acquiring lands for various conservation purposes. Both the City and the Friends are interested in preserving and providing public trails throughout the Chino Cone. The Friends are uniquely qualified to perform the plan these trails and navigate the requisite approval processes required to make these trails a reality. The Friends are very familiar with the Chino Cone and have the resources under contract who performed many trail master planning and design services, including the master plan for the Whitewater River trail, Santa Ana River Trail, Redlands' Orange Blossom and Zanja trails, and many others.

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The Friends propose to perform the following services as a means of obtaining final approval to construct the trail or trails:

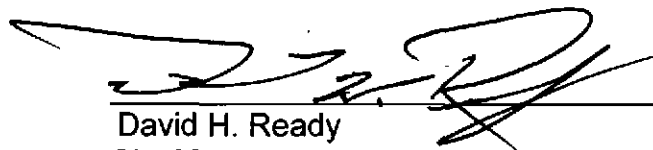
1. Gather background information regarding objectives and constraints affecting the location of public access trails on the property.
2. Conduct field studies to determine tentative locations meeting objectives and required criteria.
3. Review tentative locations with the three relevant habitat agencies that granted funds to help acquire a portion of the Chino Cone.
4. Determine process required, along with specific written and plan documents needed to obtain approval to construct.
5. Prepare required information for review and approval by the City Council prior to submittal.
6. Submit request to CVAG and/or CVCC for approval.
7. Coordinate through the approval process and obtain approval to proceed with construction.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost for this agreement will be paid from Measure J funds. Trails are consistent with the "recreational opportunities" anticipated in Measure J. The cost of the work is \$30,000, payable \$6000 per month for five months, with the last month's payment withheld until approval to construct one or more trails is received. Payment in full will be made if approval is obtained in less than five months. Work will commence immediately upon approval by the Palm Springs City Council and be completed in five months or less from the date of that approval.



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