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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND APPROVAL OF
GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAGUNA DE SANTA
ROSA FOUNDATION FOR COLGAN CREEK PHASE II
RESTORATION PLANTING

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Water and Finance Departments that the Council, by resolution: 1) waive competitive bidding pursuant to Section 3-08.100(D) of the City code, and 2) approve General Services Agreement Number F002001 with Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, Santa Rosa, California, for Lower Colgan Creek Phase 2 Restoration Planting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Stormwater and Creeks Section within the Water Department is implementing a three-phased enhancement project to restore the lower Colgan Creek area. The second phase of the project will restore the creek from Victoria Drive downstream near Boron Avenue. The overall purpose of the project is to increase the habitat value for fish and other wildlife by restoring the riparian plant community, improving water quality and restoring the hydrological function of the creek. Awarding GSA F002001 to the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation will help to ensure the success of the restoration efforts and increase the potential of securing additional grant money for the project.

BACKGROUND

The Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project represents a transformative vision of returning the creek to a wider, more naturally meandering creek reach from its current condition as a straightened channelized flood control channel. The overall purpose of the

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project is to increase the habitat value for fish and other wildlife by restoring the riparian plant community, improving water quality and restoring the hydrological function of the creek. This project will meet these primary goals by creating habitat diversity and installing native riparian vegetation.

In the first phase of this project, a general contractor hired a landscape subcontractor to install the native riparian vegetation in lieu of contracting with an organization specifically experienced with riparian restoration work. Meeting vegetation survival goals in Phase 1 were difficult due to the landscaper's lack of knowledge and experience with native plant watering and maintenance. The second phase of the project was planned to retain the services of a restoration organization with expertise in the propagation, installation, and maintenance of the native riparian vegetation. The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation (Laguna Foundation) was identified as a project partner who could perform the necessary work. On February 24, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 28606 approving a California Department of Water Resources' Urban Streams Restoration Program grant and partnering with the Laguna Foundation. On May 6, 2016, the City entered into a grant agreement between the State of California's Department of Water Resources and the project Co-sponsor, Trout Unlimited, which specified that the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation would support the project by propagating and planting the native plants for the restoration project.

ANALYSIS

The Colgan Creek Phase 2 Restoration Project maintenance plan has set forth goals that after five years the native plants that have been installed will maintain a survival rate of eighty percent and that non-native species will not exceed twenty percent relative cover for the area. The grant application process and corresponding research determined that the Laguna Foundation is the best organization to ensure that these goals will be met.

The Laguna Foundation is a local non-profit organization that focuses specifically on the restoration and conservation of the Laguna de Santa Rosa while inspiring the local community to become involved in stewardship through education, training opportunities and volunteerism.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project have been appropriated to JL Key 54024 from the City's Storm Water Assessment and from awarded grants from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District and the California Department of Water Resources' Urban Streams Restoration Program. The Storm Water Assessment funding is specifically identified to be used for creek restoration and water quality improvement. No general fund monies will be used to implement the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Council approved and adopted, by Resolution No. 27736, a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colgan Creek Restoration and Park project on September 21, 2010.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On February 24, 2015, the City Council approved Resolution No. 28606 approving an Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant for the Colgan Creek Phase 2 Restoration Project. That application included partnering with the Laguna Foundation to propagate and plant the native plants as well coordinate volunteer planting events with the local community.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 28606
- Attachment 2 – Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant Agreement
- Attachment 3 – General Services Agreement Number F002001

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