RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-58

MEETING: February 4, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director

RE: Award Agreement to Design Workshop, Inc. for Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Design Workshop, Inc. to Produce the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan in an Amount Not to Exceed $149,995; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The Board of Supervisors authorized the development of a county-wide Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan to guide future county investments in parks and recreation facilities, and align those investments with the need to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change in Mariposa County. The Planning Department was tasked with spearheading this effort.

The Planning Department facilitated a request for proposals process to select a qualified consultant team to collaborate with county stakeholders in producing the plan. The department organized a steering committee comprised of individuals from a range of county organizations and agencies, including the OES, Administration, Health and Human Services, Public Works, and Economic Development departments, as well as the Mariposa County Arts Council, the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee and the Merced River Trail Community Working Group. The steering committee was tasked with selecting their preferred consultant from four finalists recommended by the Planning Department. That evaluation indicated a clear preference among steering committee members for the team led by Design Workshop, Inc.

In addition to helping articulate county-wide and community recreation needs, devising a strategy for implementing project recommendations, and describing a 20-year vision for managing parks and recreation resources, the plan will apply a resiliency framework to identify opportunities for parks and recreation investments to support climate change adaptation and mitigation. This latter task will require innovative planning and design strategies that leverage parks and recreation resources to: reduce the county’s risk to natural disasters like wildfire and flooding; provide support for state and federal first responders in the event of a disaster; facilitate healthy lifestyles in conditions that result from changes in the region’s climate; and establish compelling public places that contribute to county’s economy and sense of place.
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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
RES-2019-729: Approved a Budget Action Transferring $1.09 Million from the MID Settlement Fund for various projects, including $150,000 for a Master Parks and Resiliency Plan.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Negative action will result in an indefinite delay of the timeline for the development of the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Fiscal impact is limited to the use of funds already budgeted for the express purpose of funding this project via Resolution No. 2019-729 ($150,000).

ATTACHMENTS:
200124 Professional Services Agreement (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey