

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: April 6, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Caine Camarillo, Supervising Ranger
REVIEWED BY: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully requests that the Board approve the attached Garland Ranch Regional Park (GRRP) Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Plan proposal with Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) (**ATTACHMENT 1**). The proposal comprises the fire risk assessment, community engagement, and planning service components vital in preparing a Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Plan (FMFMP). This planning project, in coordination with existing efforts, will address the short- and long-term strategies essential to proactively manage wildfire risk at GRRP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Professional Service Agreement is \$79,886

FUNDING SOURCE:

Board directive \$250,000 FY 2021-22

FUNDING BALANCE:

\$304,078 as of the writing of this report.

DISCUSSION:

In June 2021 the Board allocated \$250,000 in FY2021-22 Budget to address fire fuel concerns at GRRP. This allocation is to address : A. short-term goals (fuel reduction projects this current season) and B. long-term projects (fire management plan) resulting in a sustainable fire management strategy at the GRRP. District staff has continued its efforts with short-term approaches for fuel mitigation bringing inmate crew onsite to thin the 11-acre eucalyptus grove. The FMFMP will provide an assessment of these efforts and incorporate into the long-term strategies of wildfire management at GRRP.

In February 2022, with Board's approval, MPRPD staff prepared and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for fuel mitigation assessment and strategies on the ProcureNow site. In March, the District received five qualified proposals and evaluated the proposals based on established rated criteria.

District staff recommend Rincon for this project based on their understanding of the project scope, technical approach, community outreach, and District's desire to be "grant ready" by January 2023. Their proposal best defined an actionable process with recommendations for short- and long-term fuel mitigation measures.

Rincon, if Board approved, is expected to commence work by the end of April 2022 and has provided a nine (9) month project schedule. Project completion by December 2022 coincides with the CAL FIRE Annual Fire Prevention Grants Program application period typically due in the early months of the year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Professional Services Agreement (**ATTACHMENT 2**) in substantially the form attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Rincon Consultants, Inc. Proposal](#)
2. [Professional Service Agreement](#)