

**County of Santa Clara**  
**Parks and Recreation Department**



24-4949

**DATE:** April 16, 2024 (Item No. {{item.number}})

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Don Rocha, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Consider recommendations relating to Bids for the Ojo de Agua Trail at Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch County Park

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Consider recommendations relating to bids for construction of Ojo de Agua Trail at Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch County Park.

Possible action:

- a. Award contract to Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship in the amount of \$1,048,656 with a construction time of 180 calendar days.
- b. Approve encumbrance of additional \$104,866 as Supplemental Work Allowance for a total encumbered amount of \$1,153,522.
- c. Authorize County Executive, or designee, as the Owner's Authorized Representative to issue Change Orders as necessary against the allowance for Supplemental Work and to approve modifications to the construction time.
- d. Ratify Addendum to Bid Documents Nos. 1-4, which modified or clarified the Bid Documents in response to contractor questions.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no impact to the County General Fund as a result of the recommended action.

One-time funding for the Ojo de Agua Trail at Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park is included in the Parks Capital Improvement Program.

**CONTRACT HISTORY**

On January 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the Project, adopted contract documents, and authorized advertisement of bids for the project (Item No. 82).

As reflected in the January 23, 2024, project approval, this project for construction of the Ojo de Agua Trail was analyzed consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Coyote Canyon

Natural Resources Management Plan and Interim Access Plan, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 10, 2019 (Item No. 78).

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND**

### *Reasons to Approve Award of Contract*

On February 29, 2024, the Clerk of the Board held a bid opening, and six (6) bids were received. All 6 bids were determined responsive. The bid results and Engineer's Estimate are provided and summarized below:

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>BASE BID</u></b>
Santa Cruz Mountains Trails Stewardship	\$1,048,656
Hanford Applied Restoration and Conservation	\$1,331,157
Brannon Corporation	\$1,516,721
Joe's Landscaping and Concrete	\$1,580,040
E.E. Gilbert Construction	\$1,595,423
Pacific Underground Construction	\$1,917,628

The Engineer's Estimate was \$1,400,162.

The project bid documents state that the contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest Total Bid. The lowest bidder, Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship, of Santa Cruz, CA, is approximately 25% under the Engineer's Estimate. The Parks and Recreation Department (Department) has reviewed the submitted bid documents and qualifications and determined that Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship is a "Responsible Bidder" eligible for contract award. Therefore, award of contract in the amount of \$1,048,656 plus \$104,866 for Supplemental Work Allowance for a Total Encumbered Amount of \$1,153,522 is recommended.

Four (4) Addenda were issued during the bid period for clarifications requested by the bidders and changes regarding the bid opening procedures. In order to formally incorporate the Addenda into the bid documents, the Department recommends that the Board ratify the Addenda.

### *Reasons to Approve Owner's Authorized Representative (OAR)*

The Department recommends designation of the County Executive, or designee, as the OAR as it will streamline project management and minimize administrative delays and costs to the County.

### *Reasons to Approve Supplemental Work Allowance (SWA)*

The Department recommends an additional encumbrance of \$104,866 (i.e., ten percent (10%) of the Total Base Bid) as a SWA to minimize delays and associated costs for necessary change orders resulting from unknown and/or differing conditions and design errors.

### *Ojo de Agua Trail*

The interim Coyote Canyon trail system includes approximately 10 miles of public recreational trails, consisting of the Woodland Valley, Coyote Ridge, and Ojo de Agua trails. The trails are multi-use natural surface trails for hiking, bicycling, and equestrian use. The Project will construct approximately 1.5-miles of the Ojo de Agua Trail, an approximately 6-foot-wide natural surface trail, which will support public use of the Coyote Canyon Park property. Construction of the Ojo de Agua Trail is a component in providing safe, sustainable use of the property for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.

The Ojo de Agua Trail was approved as part of the Coyote Canyon Natural Resources Management Plan and Interim Access Plan (Plan), which was adopted by the Board in December 2019. The Plan identifies a combination of new trails connecting to existing ranch roads to provide access to key points on the property from Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch. Additionally, the Plan identifies the natural resources within Coyote Canyon and a framework for their management and protection. Given the size of the property, broader public uses and additional access points are deferred to a future master planning process.

#### *Coyote Canyon at Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch County Park*

In 2016, the County Parks Department acquired the approximately 2,700-acre Coyote Canyon and Coyote Highlands properties, located immediately north of Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. The properties, collectively referred to as Coyote Canyon, establish a continuous landscape linkage between Anderson Lake County Park to the north and Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park to the south, with future regional trail connections envisioned between the two parks as part of the Countywide Trails Master Plan.

### **CHILD IMPACT**

The recommended action will have a positive impact on children and youth through the **Healthy Lifestyle** indicator by providing a recreational trail that currently does not exist and connectivity with a larger regional trail and open space system.

### **SENIOR IMPACT**

The recommended action will have a positive impact on seniors by providing a more opportunities for recreation at Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch. It will create opportunities for recreation in natural open space areas adjacent to developed portions of South County.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The recommended action supports the Board of Supervisors' sustainability objective to protect resources, safety, and recreation. The trail will provide additional opportunities for low-impact recreation and non-motorized mobility by improving connectivity with a larger regional trail and open space system.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Ojo de Agua Trail would not be developed and there would be limited trail access through Coyote Canyon.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Send notification to Stephen Koren and Jennifer Nuñez, Parks and Recreation Department.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A – ODAT Addendum 1
- Attachment B – ODAT Addendum 2
- Attachment C – ODAT Addendum 3
- Attachment D – ODAT Addendum 4
- Attachment E – Prelim Bid Acceptance Letter