

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Ron Moreno, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: December 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Award Construction Contract to Marina Landscape Inc., for I-15/State Route 79 South Interchange Enhanced Landscaping Project, PW17-19

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Award a construction contract to Marina Landscape Inc. in the amount of \$1,324,205.84 for the I-15/State Route 79 South Interchange Enhanced Landscaping Project, PW17-19; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to approve construction contract change orders up to 10% of the contract amount, \$132,420.58.
3. Make a finding that the Interstate 15/State Route 79 South Interchange Enhanced Landscaping Project is exempt from Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) fees.

BACKGROUND: Construction of the Interstate 15/State Route 79 South Ultimate Interchange project (Project) included reconfiguring the southbound ramps on the west side of the interchange. During construction, the City in conjunction with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians and Visit Temecula Valley developed an alternative landscaping concept to enhance and beautify the areas between the new ramps, I-15, and Temecula Parkway. With Caltrans approval, the City pursued design and development of the enhanced landscaping in lieu of the originally planned replacement planting.

The Project includes planting, irrigation, and hardscape elements using species, colors, and patterns that embrace our regional history, foster connections to the land, and embody the culture of native inhabitants. The design is based on the I-15 Branding & Visioning Plan to beautify the I-15 corridor and Temecula interchanges with themes and monumentation consistent with our community's identity.

On January 9, 2024, City Council approved the plans and specifications and authorized the Department of Public Works to solicit construction bids. The construction contract was publicly advertised between September 24, 2024, and October 29, 2024. Four (4) bids were received and publicly opened on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

The results were as follows:

Rank	Bidder	Bid Amount
1.	Marina Landscape Inc.	\$1,324,205.84
2.	ACCU Construction, Inc.	\$1,328,802.74
3.	Superb Engineering, Inc.	\$1,781,892.43
4.	David Ollis Landscape Development, Inc.	\$1,905,734.50

The Engineer's estimate of construction cost is \$1,928,000 and estimate of construction duration is 120 working days (approximately 6 months).

The Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) is an element of the Riverside County Integrated Project (RCIP) to conserve open space, nature preserves and wildlife to be set aside in some areas. It is designed to protect over 150 species and conserve over 500,000 acres in Western Riverside County. The City of Temecula is a permittee to the MSHCP and as such is required to abide by the Regional Conservation Authority's (RCA) Mitigation Fee Implementation Manual adopted by Resolution 2020-013 on December 7, 2020. The RCA is a joint regional authority formed by the County and the Cities to provide primary policy direction for implementation of the MSHCP.

Beginning July 1, 2008, the RCA started requiring that locally funded Capital Improvement Projects contribute applicable MSHCP fees within 90-days of construction contract award. Fees outside the public right of way are calculated on a cost per acre of disturbed area basis, while fees for typical right of way improvements projects are five percent of construction costs. The Project is part of the I-15/State Route 79 South Ultimate Interchange approved in 2010. At that time, MSHCP policies exempted all projects on the State Highway System from the payment of MSHCP fees.

FISCAL IMPACT: The I-15/State Route 79 South Interchange Enhanced Landscaping Project is identified in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 and is funded with an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with The Pechanga Tribe and Measure S funds. Adequate funds are available in the project accounts to cover the contract amount of \$1,324,205.84, plus the 10% contingency amount of \$132,420.58, for a total encumbrance of \$1,456,626.42.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Contract
2. Project Description
3. Project Location