

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Patrick Thomas, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: July 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Approve Plans and Specifications, and Authorize Solicitation of Construction Bids for Flood Control Channel Reconstruction and Repair, Project PW11-10, Located at Friendship Park (formerly Pala Community Park)

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Adopt the Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Flood Control Channel Reconstruction and Repair, Project PW11-10; and
2. Direct staff to file the Notice of Determination (NOD); and
3. Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Flood Control Channel Reconstruction and Repair Project, PW11-10; and
4. Authorize the Department of Public Works to solicit construction bids.

BACKGROUND: The Flood Control Channel Reconstruction and Repair Project, PW11-10, is a project to protect City facilities located adjacent to flood control channels from potential damage by water and soil erosion. Each site is evaluated for susceptibility. Appropriate protective measures are developed, designed, and constructed such that flood plain management and safe operation of the facility are maintained.

Staff has identified Friendship Park (formerly Pala Community Park) as requiring erosion mitigation consisting of a 427-foot-long sheet pile wall constructed underground along the northern boundary of the park, adjacent to the soccer field. The wall will be embedded approximately 35 feet below the park ground level. Thus, if erosion and significant sediment movement occurs within Temecula Creek during heavy storms, the embedded wall will support the park grounds. A sidewalk will be constructed generally along the top of the wall to mark its location and provide access around the soccer field.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) an Initial Study (IS) was prepared. The IS identified no impact or a less than significant impact for the following environmental areas of concern:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population & Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems, and
- Mandatory Finding of Significance

The IS identified the following areas of potential concern that will be reduced to a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated as summarized:

- **General:** A qualified biologist will be required to conduct pre-construction survey and training for construction personnel and monitor construction activities to ensure practicable measures are being employed to avoid incidental disturbance of habitat and species of concern outside the project footprint.
- **Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources:** Require a certified archaeologist to monitor construction in coordination with the Pechanga Tribe. Implement recommendations for a pre-grading meeting with contractors, grading monitoring on a period and frequency as approved and coordinated with the Pechanga tribe, and cultural resources protection, avoidance, and curation as required in the event of resource discovery (Section Two Part IV MND).

Under CEQA guidelines, an Initial Study (IS) determined a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) be completed for the project. The MND includes mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to a level of less than significant. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the IS and adopt an MND for this project. A summary of the proposed mitigation measures is included within the attached Final IS/MND and summarized in Section Two Part VI.

The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was posted on April 28, 2021. The corresponding public review comment period also commenced on April 28, 2021 and concluded on May 27, 2021. Notification signage was placed on the project site and a notice was placed in the local newspaper.

The City of Temecula received two written comment letters which have been evaluated, addressed, and included in the Final IS/MND.

The project plans, specifications, and contract documents are complete and the project is ready to be advertised for construction bids. The bid documents are available for review in the Director of Public Works office. The Engineer's Estimate of construction is \$1 million and the construction duration is estimated at 45 working days or approximately 2 months.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Flood Control Channel Reconstruction and Repair Project is identified in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for Fiscal Years 2022-26, and is funded with General Fund and Measure S. There are sufficient funds in the project account to cover the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration fee of \$2,530.25 (includes \$50.00 County filing fee) and estimated construction cost.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration
2. Notice of Determination
3. Project Description