



City of Biggs

Agenda Item Staff Report For the Regular City Council Meeting: July 08, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Purchase authority for biological services from PMC.

Council is asked to consider authorizing the purchase of biological services from PMC in relation to the Sixth Street bridge replacement project.

Background:

In response to a possible sighting of a Giant Garter Snake (GGS) within the project area, PMC biologist assigned to the project (Summer Pardo) has been visiting the site each day to confirm the lack of GGS on site and that GGS mitigation methods are in place. PMC has been working with the various agencies on the related GGS issues, and is working with the various agencies in an effort to allow restarting of construction. It appears certain that some amount of GGS surveying, monitoring, design of mitigations, and significant amounts of interactions with the various permitting agencies will be associated with the project through its completion, though most significantly during the time that in-channel work is occurring. Because we are currently consulting with the permitting agencies a precise plan of action and plan for compliance has not yet been formulated, and staff and its consultants will need to work swiftly through the resolution process.

At this time we expect to hold these costs below \$20,000 but do not yet know exactly what requirements will be imposed by the permitting agencies.

We expect to seek reimbursement from CalTrans for all direct costs.

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Administrator and the Mayor to purchase biological services from PMC and their subcontractors in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and to execute any related task orders or contracts.

Mark Sorensen, City Administrator