



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-55

MEETING: February 19, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Wilson, County Fire Chief

RE: Approve an Agreement to Review and Update the County's LHMP

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with URS Corporation Americas (URS) to Review and Revise the Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$65,000; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

As a result of the 2008 Telegraph Fire and subsequent Federal Disaster Declaration to all fire affected counties in California, Mariposa County applied for and was awarded a Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) grant to fund road repairs and disaster planning activities.

On November 1, 2012 Mariposa County Fire/OES sent a Request for Proposals (RFP) to all three qualified LHMP consulting firms in California. One firm, URS, submitted a qualifying proposal on or before the submission deadline. Subsequent contact with the two who did not submit proposals revealed that Olson & Associates had committed to other LHMP projects and did not have sufficient staffing to complete this project in the required time frame and Howell Consulting could not complete the project within the defined budget limitation. While more than one qualifying bid would have been preferable, it has been determined by County Counsel that the Request For Proposals (RFP) process was conducted properly.

Following County Fire/OES review and combined with a follow-up telephone interview it was determined that URS has the staff, qualifications and expertise to complete the project in a timely manner and within the scope of work.

On January 22, 2013, the Board completed the adoption process for the County's initial LHMP and the formal resolution and findings have been forwarded to and accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX. Mariposa County's LHMP represents the state of the County as of June 2011. However, a LHMP is a dynamic document and the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) mandates a LHMP be reviewed and updated every five years. The planning portion of the DRI grant offers funding to immediately review and update the initial plan. Doing so at this early time will immediately fill in the Plan's portion of time between June 2011 and October 2013 and restart the five-year DMA 2000 clock.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On December 14, 2010, per Resolution 10-570, the Board approved the application for funding and the execution of the grant agreement and any amendments from the 2008 DRI Allocation of the State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

On April 26, 2011, per Resolution 11-168 the Board approved an amendment to the original application to increase the amount to the maximum limit of \$8.5 Million.

On December 15, 2011, Standard Agreement 11-DRI-7555 was fully executed allowing for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for planning purposes. The planning portion of the grant will fund three projects; update the LHMP, update the safety element of the General Plan and complete the County mapping project.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Forego an opportunity to use Federal Disaster Grant funding to update the County's LHMP and extend its relevancy for an additional five years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This project is included in and funded by the DRI-CDBG funding - Fund 515. The contract amount (\$65,000) will be funded out of the Planning Project portion of the grant. The grant provides for a total of \$175,000 to be used for planning purposes.

ATTACHMENTS:

- LHMP Plan_RFP (DOC)
- LHMP-Qualified Consultants (DOC)
- Mariposa LHMP Update Proposal FINAL (PDF)
- URS Agreement (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


 Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Stetson, Bibby, Cann, Carrier, Jones