

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: April 14, 2022

From: Department of Public Works

Subject: Adopt a Resolution Declaring an Emergency for Storm Drain Repairs in Noble Gulch Park

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution that 1) declares an emergency, 2) authorizes procurement and services without giving notice for bids pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050 and authorizing staff to enter a contract for such services with Graniterock Construction for repairs to a storm drain located in Noble Gulch Park at the intersection of Bay Avenue and Monterey Avenue and 3) approves a budget amendment transfer of \$60,000 from Emergency Reserve Fund to the Capital Improvement Project fund and authorize the creation of a new project entitled Noble Gulch Park Storm Drain Project.

Background: While performing routine maintenance in Noble Gulch Park, Public Works crews discovered a six-foot-deep sink hole over a storm drainpipe that conveys water from Monterey Avenue to the larger Noble Gulch storm pipe.

Discussion: The sink hole in the park is located immediately adjacent to the sidewalk along Bay Avenue and presented a hazard to both pedestrians walking along the sidewalk and park users. Public Works crews secured that area and staff contracted Graniterock Construction to expose the storm drainpipe and make repairs.

Graniterock began work on Wednesday March 30, 2022, and unfortunately was not able to locate the failed pipe due to its depth. Workers originally thought that the pipe was 5-7 feet deep, but after digging to a depth of twelve feet without reaching the pipe, the contractor had to halt work. A utility locating company then determined the pipe was at a depth of 15-18 feet. For safety reasons, the hole was refilled with the removed dirt. Graniterock restarted work on Monday, April 4, and hopes to have repairs completed by the end of the week.

Fiscal Impact: A \$60,000 transfer from the Emergency Reserve Fund should be sufficient to complete the repairs. Any remaining funds will be transferred back to the Emergency Reserve Fund; and if additional funding is necessary, staff will return with a follow-up report to the Council. An allocation back to the Emergency Reserve Fund to replace the costs of the project will be recommended as part of the fiscal year 2022/23 budget adoption.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution and budget amendment
2. Emergency Contract with Graniterock Construction

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