



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Wolf Creek Trail Project - Project Update

CEQA: Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive an update on the project, 2) accept the contract engineering and environmental work performed by Surf to Snow Environmental Resource Management, Inc. as complete.

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Council Meeting Date: 04/19/2023

Date Prepared: 04/25/2023

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: On January 28, 2020, Council authorized the award of a professional services agreement to Surf to Snow Environmental Resource Management, Inc. (S2S ERM) for the engineering design, environmental studies, planning and related services for the Wolf Creek Trail Project. S2S ERM was tasked with finalizing the preferred trail alignment, completing 30% design level plans and gaining environmental clearance for the remainder of the Wolf Creek Trail System.

Over the past several years, the consultant and the City have been working closely to develop the most feasible and desirable trail alignment, while concurrently performing the surveys, studies, outreach and coordination necessary to establish an appropriate level of environmental review. Staff have reviewed the engineering plans submitted by S2S ERM and their primary design subconsultant Restoration Design Group (RDG), and have found them to be satisfactory and complete to at least a 30% preliminary design level.

Additionally, a comprehensive environmental review was completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15063. This process culminated in the preparation of a draft Initial Study with a finding of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for the Wolf Creek Trail Project. This draft study is available on the City's website and is now being circulated for a 30-day public and agency review which commenced on April 20, 2023. After completion of the review period and evaluation of any written comments, Staff will return to Council to conduct a public hearing and adopt the environmental document.

The prescribed contract work with S2S ERM and subconsultant RDG is now complete, and the consultants will be in attendance at the Council meeting to present an overview of the trail design plans and the environmental review process to date.

Council Goals/Objectives: The Wolf Creek Trail Engineering Design and Environmental Studies Project executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining

Strategic Goal #1 - Community and Sense of Place and Strategic Goal #3 - Recreation and Parks

Fiscal Impact: The Wolf Creek Trail Engineering Design and Environmental Services Project is fully funded in the FY 2022/23 CIP Budget.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: 300-406-63350

Reviewed by: _____ City Manager