

## **STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: Watershed Roads and Trails Contract No. 1981 Amendment No. 1

**From:** Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources

**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: September 3, 2024

TYPE OF ACTION: X Action Information Review and Refer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Amendment No. 1 to Watershed Roads and Trails Contract No. 1981

with Piazza Construction

**SUMMARY:** The District advertised Contract No. 1981 for Watershed Roads and Trail Maintenance on April 9, 2022 and awarded the Contract to Piazza construction on May 17, 2022. The bid submitted by Piazza Construction in the amount of \$533,448 for the two-year contract period was determined to be the lowest qualified and responsive bid. The contract completion date was set at June 30, 2024. Contract No. 1981 gives the District an option to extend the contract in one (1) year increments for up to an additional two years with an escalation in the unit prices based on the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward Consumer Price Index (CPI).

**DISCUSSION:** On April of 2005, the District adopted the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP), which describes the best management practices and environmental protection measures the District will implement to maintain watershed roads and trails. Under the RTMP the District conducts proactive maintenance of service roads to support emergency access and water infrastructure servicing. Similarly, the District conducts trails repairs to support public access and avoid deterioration of watershed lands. The District utilizes a combination of staff, and contractors to carry out annual roads and trails maintenance activities. Currently, the District is working to repair approximately 100 watershed culverts, construct the Azalea Hill Trail Project, and conduct annual road and trail maintenance. These projects require heavy equipment operations, which exceed the capabilities of other contractors such as the California Conservation Corps and California Conservation Corps North Bay who the District has historically used to support annual road and trail maintenance activities.

The District has used similar contractors over the years to support construction of retaining walls, culverts, pipeline replacements, fuelbreak maintenance, and forestry restoration work. The Watershed Roads and Trail Maintenance contract extension will give the District contractor capacity to carry out

proactive roads and trail maintenance, and will help the District respond to seasonal roads impacts that require repairs. In accordance with Section 1000, Paragraph 1.22 of the contract in each additional fiscal year in which the District exercises the option to extend the term, the unit prices may be escalated based on the increase in the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward Consumer Price Index.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not Applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds are budgeted in the Capital Budget A1E05 for watershed culvert repairs and service road maintenance. Additionally, for FY 2024/2025 the District has grant funds remaining for the Azalea Hill Trail Restoration Project.

## ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Amendment No. 1 Contract No. 1981

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Watershed	Shaw Jus	M. Harente n
	Shaun Horne Watershed Resources Director	Ben Horenstein General Manager