



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** July 26, 2016

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Facility Planning and Development Division, Airport Department

**SUBJECT:** Basin E/F Tidal Restoration Monitoring Year 6 Contract

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve and authorize the Airport Director to execute a Contract with AECOM for post-construction biological monitoring for the Basin E/F Tidal Restoration Project in an amount not to exceed \$36,768, and authorize the Airport Director to approve expenditures up to \$3,677 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Tidal Restoration Demonstration Project began in February 2006 to determine the ecological and safety effects of restoring tidal circulation in the Goleta Slough. That project demonstrated an increase in biodiversity with a decrease in bird-aircraft strike hazard risk. In September 2010 the Airport Department began construction of the Basin E/F Tidal Restoration Project as final biological mitigation for the Airfield Safety Projects. The work under this contract will be monitoring and maintenance of the Basin E/F Restoration Site for year six of the Airport's seven year mitigation monitoring permit obligation.

### **CONSULTANT SELECTION:**

In September 2006, the Airport solicited for biological monitoring and reporting services associated with this project. Consistent with federal requirements, the consultant selection process followed federal guidelines, which require selection based on the qualifications of the consultant, not a fee-based bid. The fee is negotiated after the best-qualified consultant is identified.

Requests for Proposals were sent to qualified firms, and four responses were received. All four responding firms were interviewed and URS Corporation (now AECOM) was ranked as having the best qualifications for the work involved.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Funds for this contract are available in the Airport Department Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

This contract will further the City's Sustainable Santa Barbara Program by enhancing the Goleta Slough Reserve ecosystem and protecting it from threats such as invasive plant species.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office