



# COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** February 14, 2023

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Community Development

**TITLE:** **Amendment of Contract with JHS Consulting, LLC, for Environmental Review Consultant Services**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Authorize expenditures by the Community Development Department in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for consultant services performed by JHS Consulting, LLC, associated with environmental review services for development applications.
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with JHS Consulting, LLC, for environmental review consulting services to increase maximum compensation by \$100,000 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$200,000.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City has an existing agreement with JHS Consulting, LLC, in the amount of \$100,000 to provide consultant services for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review services for development applications. Due to an increased volume and complexity of development projects and associated environmental review, staff has determined additional services will be needed.

## **ANALYSIS**

The Community Development Department continues to require additional outside environmental review services to support staff in the environmental review of large, complex projects, such as Google-Lendlease's North Bayshore Master Plan (under review) and further environmental review associated with implementation of their recently approved Middlefield Park Master Plan.

City Council Policy A-10 requires City Council authorization for compensation in excess of \$100,000. The consultant services associated with the environmental review of large development projects, including the two master plans, is estimated to be \$200,000 for Fiscal Year

2022-23. This would bring the total JHS Consulting, LLC, agreement to a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000, and staff requests Council authorization for this amount.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding for the total amount of \$200,000 will be fully paid for by the developer of the associated development projects. No additional City funding is being requested.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not authorize the expenditures requested.
2. Provide other direction to staff.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting.

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