

DATE: May 17, 2018

TO: Watershed Conservation Authority Governing Board

FROM: Michelle Tarian, Associate Project Manager

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 12: Consideration of a resolution to authorize a contract amendment to LA County Department of Agriculture for weed abatement services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Governing Board authorize an amendment to the contract with Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture to provide on-call weed abatement services at WCA owned properties, increasing the not to exceed value by \$4,300 for a total contract value of \$15,300.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: WCA currently contracts with the Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture (LA County Ag) for pest control services for the River Wilderness Park and the Duck Farm Property. Between 2014 and 2018, the area treated by LA County Ag at the Duck Farm Property increased in size due to Los Angeles County weed abatement compliance and residential weed maintenance requests (Exhibit A & B). Part of the increase included adding a small parcel in May 2018, per a request from a property adjacent tenant and with WCA approval (Exhibit C). In addition to the increase in service area and as stated in a letter from LA County Ag, an increase in cost recovery rates and the use of better suited herbicides, has resulted in LA County Ag exceeding the existing contract value by \$1,233.37 for the services completed in December 2018 (Exhibit D, LA County Ag letter dated January 16, 2019). Until the requested increase, LA County Ag has been able to provide the contracted services within the contracted amount, even with the increase of the property boundary and change in supplies used. The letter from LA County Ag also requests an approximate \$3,100 to maintain the Duck Farm Property for the remainder of the contract ending June 2019, for a total contract value increase of \$4,300. Because of a heavy rain season and the upcoming property weed abatement inspections, occurring between April 1, 2019 and June 1, 2019, the WCA agrees that the additional amount might be necessary for on-call post emergent site treatment in preparation for the inspections.

BACKGROUND: Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture has been providing services to the Watershed Conservation Authority's properties since December 2014. Services include continually monitoring the Duck Farm site for signs of regrowth of invasive weeds and the eradication, control and destruction of pests. The Duck Farm property requires periodic and ongoing weed abatement control to eradicate invasive weeds and comply with County required weed abatement standards for annual fire clearance. When regrowth occurs, LA County Ag swiftly addresses the situation and thus limits future weed seed releases. Since 2014, the treated area has increased to include a small utility corridor, the area boarding residential units, and an equestrian center boundary. The services have kept the residential units

and the equestrian center on and near the property safe from fire hazards and happy with the neighboring site conditions.

The services provided by LA County Agriculture have been very beneficial in WCA's maintenance and operations of the Duck Farm property since the start of the contract and it will continue to benefit the Duck Farm Property, including the development of the Duck Farm River Park, to maintain these high pest control standards.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The \$1,233.37 for the services completed December 2018 and any additional on-call services not to exceed the total increase of \$4,300 will be paid for from RMC 3609 Duck Farm Project grant for a total do not exceed contract value of \$15,300.

Duck Farm, City of Industry, CA



Exhibit A

2014

Mountain View High School
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Sign in

Gallery + Dimension+
Accord XRT II tank mix
buffer zone

Milestone +
Dimension+ Accord
XRTII tank mix

HOME SITE

DUCK FARM SITE

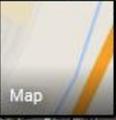
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San Gabriel River Trail

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Google



DUCK FARM 2018-19 MAP

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Legend

Notes

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County of Los Angeles

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**Kurt E. Floren**

Agricultural Commissioner
Director of Weights and Measures

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**Richard K. Iizuka**
Chief Deputy

January 16, 2019

Debbie Enos - Deputy Director
Watershed Conservation Authority
100 North Old San Gabriel Canyon Road
Azusa, Ca 91702

RE: Supplementing your 2018/19 Vegetation Management Contract #1699

Good morning Debbie,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to conduct vegetation management for your organization at the site of the former Ward's Duck Farm since the 2014-15 fiscal year. I am proud to say that I feel that I have achieved all the vegetation management objectives that I outlined for you in our original proposal and have always done so in timely manner. I was also able to perform the work within the originally approved funding for this project, even though more areas were added to the work routine beyond what was originally estimated as time progressed.

Upon conclusion of pre-emergent application to the site at the end of December 2018, it came to my attention, that I had inadvertently exceeded the annual allocated funding by \$1233.27. For this I must apologize, as I always endeavor to never over-spend a contract and due to my lack of oversight, I allowed that to happen. This was due to several factors, among which was the gradual increase in our cost recovery rates since 2014, the continued addition of sites to be treated and the use of newer, better suited herbicides to your site that were unfortunately more expensive than those that were originally proposed. Additionally, I may need to do post emergent treatments after the storm season, so I will need to ask you for enough supplemental funding in order cover those costs.

For these reasons, I would like to request an additional allocation of \$4300.00 to cover the current shortfall and the cost of any post emergent treatments that might be necessary to carry us over to end of June in order to maintain the desired condition at the site. I also would like to request the contract amount be set for \$16,000 for fiscal year 2019- 2020, if you wish to continue the contract. Please see the attachments for a billing breakdown, and the area maps for a more complete picture of the work I have performed to date.

Sincerely,

Pye Nyein
Agricultural/Wts & Measures Inspector III
Integrated Pest Management Division - East District

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RESOLUTION 2019-13

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO LA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR WEED ABATEMENT SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Watersheds Conservation Authority (WCA) is contracted with the Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, this action authorizes an amendment to the contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture to provide weed abatement services to WCA owned properties, increasing the not to exceed value by \$4,300 for a total contract value of \$15,300; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; **NOW**

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. **FINDS** that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. **FINDS** that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated March 21, 2019.
4. **AUTHORIZES** an amendment to the contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture to provide weed abatement services to WCA owned properties , increasing the not to exceed value by \$4,300 for a total contract value of \$15,300.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Resolution 2019-13

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On March 21, 2019

Herlinda Chico,
Governing Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General