



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT



DEPARTMENT: Public Works

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2023

STAFF REFERENCE: Alex Tachiki, Public Works Director

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-3

TITLE: Amendment No. 4 to the Contract to Pokrajac Corporation dated March 15, 2022, Related to the Canyon Park Repair Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$709,293.60; Authorize a Contingency Amount not to Exceed \$70,000.00, for Total Project Funding in an Amount not to Exceed \$5,519,480.43; and Amendment No. 1 to the Task Order No. with Merrell Johnson Engineering dated January 18, 2022, in an Amount not to Exceed \$70,929.36, for Total Contract Funding in an Amount not to Exceed \$750,068.76

OBJECTIVE: To amend the contract to Pokrajac Corporation (Pokrajac) and task order with Merrell Johnson Engineering (Merrell-Johnson), and allocate additional necessary funding for the Canyon Park Repair Project

BACKGROUND: In September 2020, the Bobcat Fire burned more than 115,000 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains, including portions of the foothills directly above the City of Monrovia. The Bobcat Fire also burned into areas within city limits, including the Hillside Wilderness Preserve, Canyon Park (Park), and the foothills above the hillside neighborhoods.

On December 14, 2021, debris and mud from the Bobcat Fire burn area high above Monrovia flowed directly into Canyon Park causing catastrophic damage to park facilities including roadways, parking lots, handrails, water systems, fencing, trails and many other improved areas of the park. Following that, two additional storms caused further damage to the park facility, leaving much of the Park inaccessible in the immediate aftermath of the weather events. On December 21, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-63, which ratified the City Manager's Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency. Shortly after, the State of California also approved CDAA 2022-03, which declared the statewide disaster and included the December 2021 storm event which caused significant damage to Monrovia Canyon Park.

On March 15, 2022, the City Council awarded an emergency repair contract to Pokrajac for the removal of wood, soil, rocks and boulders as part of the Canyon Park Repair Project. Pokrajac quickly mobilized and began to remove the soil, rock and debris throughout the park, stabilize hillside erosion, and prevent additional damage to public property throughout the park.

To date, the City Council has approved three amendments to the agreement with Pokrajac Corporation in August 2022, December 2022, and March 2023, to increase funding available for the continuing emergency items listed below:

- Removal of debris including soil, rock and boulders from roadways, parking lots, and open spaces
- Removal of wood debris from the soil and rock for proper disposal by West Coast Arborists
- Relocation of soil and rock debris to hillside areas and trails washed out by debris flows
- Removal of debris from stream beds to allow for proper drainage and reduce further incidence of debris flow in the future

- Remove debris from culverts, stream beds, and hillsides to the north of the Park.
- Restoration of multiple hiking trails in the Park as well as the Hillside Wilderness Preserve
- Use of large boulders as natural erosion controls at key locations throughout the Park.
- Repair erosion damage behind Check Dam No. 1 in the northern part of Canyon Park
- Debris removal from all culverts
- Erosion control repairs along the streambed to prevent further debris slides
- Trail restoration at Lower Clamshell Trail
- Emergency repair of an existing 6" water main that provides water service to portions of the park, including hydro testing and chlorination, to provide essential public water supply for City staff and construction activities.
- Create a parking area, with erosion control, for future use to the east of the Park Ranger Station.
- Excavation of road and masonry wall below the Nature Center

Pokrajac has completed all work associated with the initial award of contract and is nearing completion of all work associated with the contract amendments. The City has authorized a total of \$4,740,186.33.

Initial Contract Amount	\$1,620,000.00
First Contract Amendment	\$1,170,186.33
First Amendment Contingency	\$80,000.00
Second Contract Amendment	\$1,200,000.00
Second Amendment Contingency	\$120,000.00
Third Contract Amendment	\$500,000.00
Third Amendment Contingency	\$50,000.00
Current Contract Amount	\$4,740,186.33

It is important to note that Pokrajac continues to perform emergency mitigation efforts in Canyon Park and has not yet increased any contractual cost item for any contract amendments.

ANALYSIS: Between December 27, 2022, and January 8, 2023, the State of California endured sustained rainstorms that brought additional damage to the park. Staff and Pokrajac identified one section of the roadway and masonry wall that has become hazardous and unstable for vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Based on the recommendation of the City Engineer, staff is requesting the approval of additional funds to perform an emergency repair of the Bill Cull Trail and debris removal for Check Dam 2 and 3..

If approved, the proposed \$709,293.60 would facilitate Pokrajac to complete the following scope of work:

- Repair trail section at the Bill Cull Trail
- Removal of debris, boulders, brush and dead trees at Check Dams 2 and 3
- Fortify sloped areas around Check Dams 1, 2 and 3

In addition, the additional funding for Merrell-Johnson Engineering would pay for the ongoing construction management and oversight of the trail repairs, removal of debris, and fortification of the sloped areas. The described damage will be reimbursed under a new emergency disaster claim (CDAA 2023-01). A significant portion of this work will be funded by both FEMA and the State of California.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: As this project is necessary to remediate the damage caused by the Bobcat Fire as well as December 2021 and January 2023 Disaster Events where local emergency proclamations remain in effect, this project remains exempt from review under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACTS: The fiscal impact for this project is currently as described below:

Initial Contract Amount	\$ 1,620,000.00
First Amendment Amount	\$ 1,170,186.83
First Contingency	\$ 80,000
Second Amendment Amount	\$ 1,200,000.00
Second Contingency	\$ 120,000.00
Third Amendment Amount	\$500,000.00
Third Amendment Contingency	\$50,000.00
Fourth Amendment Amount	\$ 709,293.60
Fourth Contingency	+ \$ 70,000.00
Revised Authorized Amount	\$ 5,519,480.43

Merrell-Johnson Engineering Contract – Fiscal Impact:

Initial Task Order Amount	\$ 679,139.40
First Task Order Amendment Amount	\$ 70,929.36
Revised Authorized Amount	\$ 750,068.76

Funding for the additional work authorized in this amendment will continue to be made available through a combination of sources noted in the Analysis Section above. It is important to note that throughout this process to perform emergency repairs, the contingency amounts with each respective amendment have also been spent. The City has sufficient funds to cover these immediate repair costs until reimbursement occurs.

OPTIONS: The following options are presented for consideration:

1. Approve Amendment No. 4 to the Contract to Pokrajac Corporation dated March 15, 2022, related to the Canyon Park Repair Project in an amount not to exceed \$709,293.60 for a total contract amount of \$5,449,480.43; authorize a contingency amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, for total authorized project funding in an amount not to exceed \$5,519,480.43; and approve Amendment No. 1 to the Task Order with Merrell Johnson Engineering dated January 18, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$70,929.36 for total contract funding in an amount not to exceed \$750,068.76
2. Reject the amendments and provide direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends Option 1; thereby approving Amendment No. 4 to the Contract to Pokrajac Corporation dated March 15, 2022, and Amendment No. 1 to the Task Order with Merrell Johnson Engineering dated January 18, 2022.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: If City Council concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to approve Amendment No. 4 to the Contract with Pokrajac Corporation dated March 15, 2022, related to the Canyon Park Repair Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$709,293.60 for a total contract amount of \$5,449,480.43; authorize a contingency amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, for total authorized project funding in an amount not to exceed \$5,519,480.43; approve Amendment No. 1 to the Task Order with Merrell Johnson Engineering dated January 18, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$70,929.36 for total contract funding in an amount not to exceed \$750,068.76, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents in a form approved by the City Attorney.