



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

PROCUREMENT AGENDA ITEM

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Meeting 26-16
June 10, 2026

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Award of Contract with Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., for the Multi-Use Bridge Project in Bear Creek Redwoods Opens Space Preserve

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$287,900 to provide engineering and design services for the Multi-Use Bridge Project.
2. Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$43,185 to cover unforeseen circumstances, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$331,085.

DISCUSSION

The Multi-Use Bridge Project (Project) at Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve (Preserve) will provide pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians passage over Briggs Creek, supporting implementation of the Board-selected preferred Multi-Use Trail Alignment that extends through the northeastern (lower) area of the Preserve.

Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., (Herrera) was selected from a pool of pre-qualified firms with expertise in engineering and design services for similar infrastructure projects within a similar environmental setting. The selection process focused on identifying the firm best suited to the site-specific challenges of the Project, including environmental sensitivities, experience with the regulatory agency' review process, and the need for durable, context-appropriate design solutions that are appropriate for a natural open space preserve.

Design considerations for the new bridge, foundations, and trail extension from the bridge crossing will prioritize avoidance and minimization of impacts to jurisdictional areas, including waters and wetlands, to the greatest extent feasible. Herrera will develop a Basis of Design that includes three bridge-length alternatives and their associated impacts, which will inform the required permitting process. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) staff will review the Basis of Design and select a preferred bridge length based on Herrera's technical studies and findings, with priority given to minimizing impacts to sensitive habitat while ensuring a functional and constructable bridge design that is compatible with the site's natural open space setting. Where impacts cannot be fully avoided, applicable permits from regulatory agencies may be required. If needed, District staff will be prepared to pursue all necessary

permits with Herrera's assistance. Herrera will move the preferred bridge alternative through the design development, construction documentation and permitting phases, providing plans, specifications, and cost estimates that are sufficiently detailed to support competitive bidding and efficient construction.

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT

The current fiscal year budget contains:

- sufficient funds.
- insufficient funds; the next quarterly budget update will include a reallocation of unspent funds from other project budgets to cover for this expenditure.
- insufficient funds; approval of this item requires a fiscal year budget augmentation.
- future fiscal year budgets will include additional funds to complete the contracted work.

Measure AA

- No, this contract is not part of a Measure AA project.
- Yes, this contract is part of a Measure AA project.

The following table outlines the Measure AA Portfolio 21: Bear Creek Redwoods — Public Recreation and Interpretive Projects allocation, costs-to-date, projected life-to-date project expenditures and projected portfolio balance remaining.

Measure AA Portfolio 21: Bear Creek Redwoods — Public Recreation and Interpretive Projects	
Portfolio Allocation:	\$27,103,212
Grant Income (through FYXX):	\$5,061,090
Interest Income Allocation:	\$2,709,065
*Unfunded Amount:	\$2,079,669
Total Portfolio Allocation:	\$36,953,036
21-001 Moody Gulch Fence & Gate Improvements	(\$847)
21-004 Bear Creek Stables	(\$9,732,181)
21-005 Bear Creek Redwoods Public Access	(\$5,548,003)
21-006 Bear Creek Redwoods - Alma College Cultural Landscape Rehabilitation	(\$5,556,378)
21-007 Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve Plan Invasive Weed Treatment	(\$1,681,371)
21-008 Bear Creek Redwoods Ponds Restoration and Water Rights	(\$681,517)
21-009 Bear Creek Redwoods Webb Creek Bridge	(\$487,492)
21-010 Bear Creek Redwoods Landfill Characterization and Remediation	(\$511,730)
21-011 Phase 2 Trail Improvements, Bear Creek Redwoods OSP	(\$6,542,470)
21-012 Bear Creek Redwood Tree Restoration	(\$90,915)

21-013 Bear Creek Redwoods North Parking Area	(\$4,045,121)
21-014 Phase 2 Multiuse Trail, Bear Creek Redwoods	(\$2,075,010)
Total Projected Expenditures (life of project):	(\$36,953,035)
Portfolio Balance Remaining (proposed):	\$1

* Represents the portfolio-wide funding gap if award of contract is approved.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND SELECTION

On March 19, 2026, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to four pre-qualified engineering consultants. The District received four proposals by April 30, 2026. After evaluating all proposals, District staff selected Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., as the most qualified based on their detailed approach and understanding of the Project, familiarity with the District's commitment to provide ecologically sensitive public access through recent work on the District's Purisima Creek Trail Slide and Bridge Repair Project, and the team's demonstrated experience working on public access projects within similar sensitive habitat areas. Herrera's proposed fee also was deemed fair and reasonable.

Consultant	Location	Proposed Fee
Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc.	Davis, CA	\$287,900
Questa Engineering Corp.	Point Richmond, CA	\$238,945
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	Walnut Creek, CA	\$688,873
ZFA Structural Engineers	Redwood City, CA	\$276,632

PRIOR BOARD ACTION SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

- January 25, 2017: The Board approved and certified the Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve Plan Environmental Impact Report. ([R-17-15](#), [meeting minutes](#))
- April 6, 2020: The Board received an FYI memo regarding the Multi-use Trail Alignment at Bear Creek Redwoods. ([FYI](#))
- June 8, 2022: The Board reviewed the recommended Multi-use Trail Alignment and directed the study of additional trail alignment options that better separate user groups and to return to the Board at a later date with the findings. ([R-22-69](#), [meeting minutes](#))
- December 13, 2023: The Board selected the preferred Multi-use Trail Alignment. ([R-23-142](#), [meeting minutes](#))

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

Potential environmental impacts of the Bear Creek Redwoods Multi-use Trail and associated improvements were analyzed pursuant to CEQA in the Environmental Impact Report to the Bear

Creek Redwoods Preserve Plan, adopted by Board Resolution No. 17-02 on January 25, 2017.

NEXT STEPS

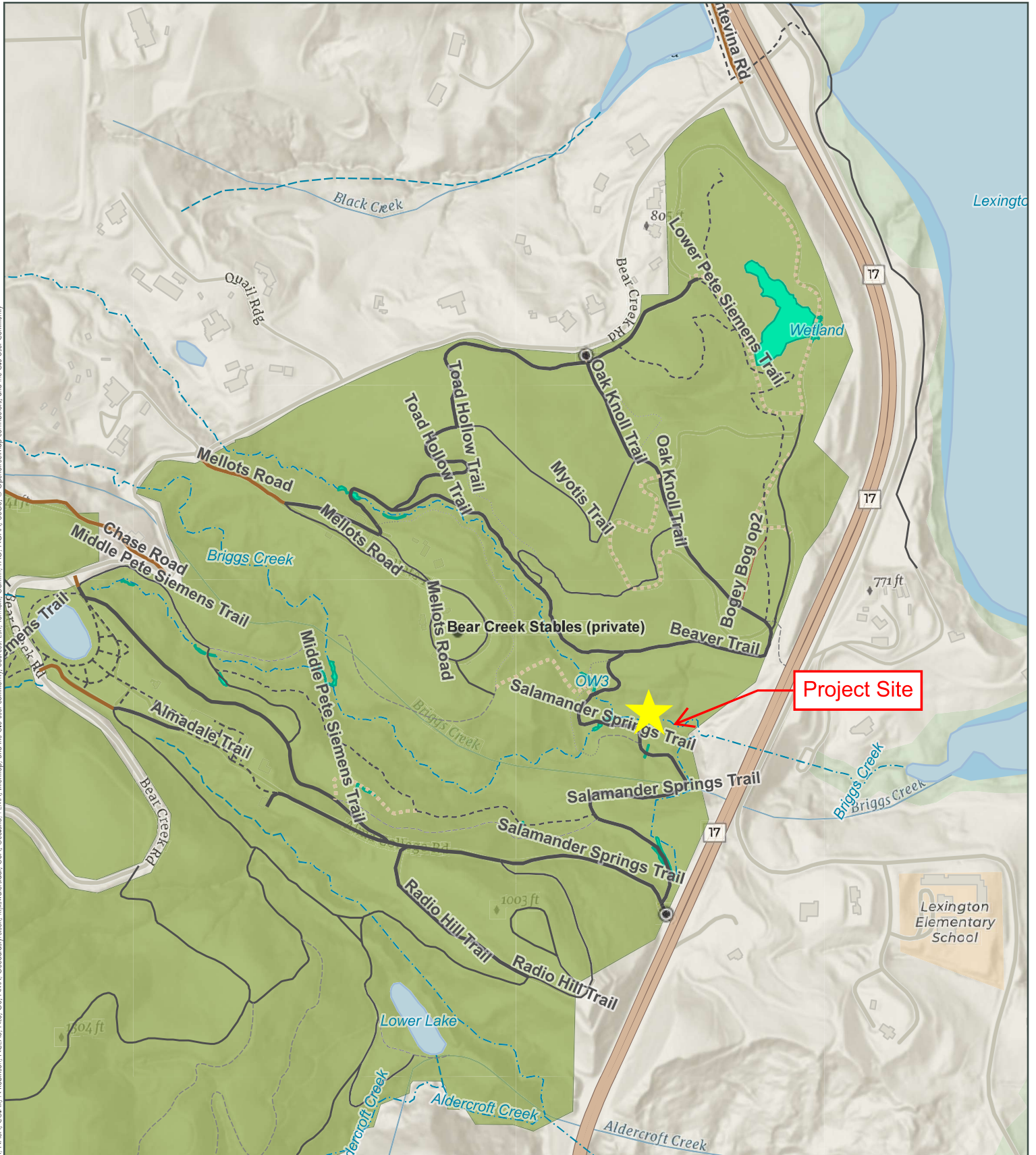
If approved by the Board, the General Manager will execute a contract with Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., to begin the design and engineering work for the Project.

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- Attachments:
1. Location Map
 2. Proposed New Multi-Use Trail Extension



Att 1- Project Location Map

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| Stream | Trail | Restored |
| Intermittent | Paved Road | Restored |
| Other | Unpaved All-Season Road | Waterbody |
| Gate | Unpaved Seasonal Road | Active Pond |
| Road Width | Trail | Active Welland |
| Landmark | Abandoned / Unmaintained Road | Preserve Boundary |
| Other landmark | Abandoned / Unmaintained Trail | |

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Multi-Use Trail Layout

- Proposed Multi-use Trail
- ⌋ Proposed Trail Bridge (approx. 100')
- Existing Road
- - - Existing Trail

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