

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- f. Authorization to Award Contracts in the Amount of \$2,865,011.76 for Goat and Sheep Grazing Services for Fire Hazard Reduction to Three Contractors: Goats R Us, Ecosystem Concepts, Inc., and Star Creek Land Stewards, Inc.
(Theile/Ciaburro)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the award of a four (4) year contract (2022-2025) to provide goat and sheep grazing services to three contractors: Goats R Us, Ecosystem Concepts, and Star Creek Land Stewards, Inc., in the amount of \$2,865,011.76 over four years, for use as a fire management tool in the current fuel break areas in the East Bay Hills and other fuel reduction sites throughout the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District)

REVENUE/COST

This four-year contract will be funded by Measure FF, General Fund, Measure CC, grants and other funds as available with an annual cost of \$716,252.94 for a total of \$2,865,011.76 over the life of the contract

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Fuels Management Account (550000)	\$5,191,261
Measure FF, Fuels Management (Various)	\$ 39,918
Fire Operations (101-8310-000-6191)	\$ 150,000
Coastal Conservancy, CalFire, Other Grants, and Other Funding (Various)	\$ 250,749
CC Funds (Various)	<u>\$ 700,665</u>
	\$6,332,593

USE OF FUNDS

Award of Contracts to:		
Star Creek Land Stewards, Inc.	\$ 342,635.00/year for four years	\$ 1,370,540.00
Goats R Us	\$ 305,486.14/year for four years	\$ 1,221,944.56
Ecosystem Concepts	\$ 68,131.80/year for four years	\$ 272,527.20
Total		\$ 2,865,011.76

REMAINING \$3,467,581.24

BACKGROUND

The Park District has used goat grazing for vegetation removal in fuel break areas since 1983. Land Use Plans and accompanying CEQA documentation for these parks (typically EIR's) provide for vegetation management, via grazing, as a fuels management and fire protection improvement measure. In addition, the Park District's "Wildland Management Policies and Guidelines," adopted in 1992, and the 2010 Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan identify grazing as an effective method to reduce vegetation to address both fire issues and for habitat improvement.

The Fire Department staff prepared a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) that described the grazing needs, contracting requirements, and critical timelines for grazing on 48 sites in 12 grazing units, totaling 882.57 acres. The Park District published the RFP on its website and sought qualified, experienced vendors. A combination of factors was used in the selection criteria; attendance of the mandatory bid walk, quality and value for the Park District, references, and full understanding of the public-facing, high-profile nature of the grazing program that represents the Fire Department and Park District. Four proposals were received from potential grazers and three were selected based on the selection criteria outlined in the RFP. The Park District recommends that the following vendors be awarded contracts as detailed below.

Star Creek Land Stewards, Inc.

Castro Ranch Grazing Unit (5 sites, 47.32 acres)	\$ 44,624.00
Alvarado Grazing Unit (3 sites, 31.82 acres)	\$ 29,371.00
Tilden Grazing Unit (12 sites, 193.99 acres)	\$179,059.00
Sibley Grazing Unit (5 sites, 47.33 acres)	\$ 68,298.00
Miller Knox Grazing Unit (2 sites, 23.7 acres)	<u>\$ 21,283.00</u>
Annual Amount	\$342,635.00

Goats R Us

Redwood Grazing Unit (2 sites, 76.2 acres)	\$ 59,212.00
Lake Chabot Grazing Unit (7 sites, 134.42 acres)	\$103,191.79
Crow Canyon Grazing Unit (3 sites, 107.95 acres)	\$ 83,459.15
Garin Grazing Unit (2 sites, 54.42 acres)	\$ 43,959.20
Camp Arroyo Grazing Unit (1 sites, 18.9 acres)	<u>\$ 15,664.00</u>
Annual Amount	\$305,486.14

Ecosystems Concepts

Anthony Chabot Grazing Unit (6 sites, 146.52 acres)	<u>\$ 68,131.80</u>
Annual Amount	\$ 68,131.80

ALTERNATIVES

None are recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2022 – 02 -

February 1, 2022

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$2,865,011.76 FOR GOAT GRAZING SERVICES TO GOATS R US, ECOSYSTEM
CONCEPTS, AND STAR CREEK LAND STEWARDS, INC.

WHEREAS, in 2010, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) Board of Directors adopted the Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan (Plan) to reduce fire hazard on Park District lands and maintain and enhance ecological values consistent with the fire hazard reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, goat and sheep grazing are effective fuel vegetation management tools; and

WHEREAS, the Park District actively searched for qualified vendors/bidders and solicited bids via a Request for Proposal for goat and sheep grazing for year-round grazing on Park District lands for four years (2022-2025); and

WHEREAS, the Park District received four proposals from qualified bidders and selected the three that were rated the best value; and

WHEREAS, Goats R Us, Ecosystem Concepts Inc., and Star Creek Land Stewards Inc. are highly qualified bidders providing quality and value to the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby accepts the proposal of Goats R Us for an annual cost of \$305,486.14, Ecosystem Concepts Inc. for an annual cost of \$68,131.80, and Star Creek Land Stewards Inc. for an annual cost of \$342,635.00 for goat and sheep grazing services in the fuel break areas and other sites throughout the District for a four (4) year period (2022–2025), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and adopted this 1st day of February 2022 by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN

ABSENT:

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