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Authorization to Extend an Existing Contract with BluePoint for Public Outreach regarding Mount Umunhum

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

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Authorize to amend an existing contract with BluePoint in the amount of \$60,000 for a total contract amount of \$77,500 to help the District inform and involve the public regarding the three different options for establishing a fiscally-sustainable visitor destination on top Mount Umunhum.

SUMMARY

Authorizing the amendment of an existing contract with BluePoint would allow the District to increase outreach to the community to ensure that the public is fully engaged in the process of deciding the future of Mount Umunhum and specifically the Radar Tower.

DISCUSSION

In 2009, Congress appropriated \$3.2 million in funding for the cleanup of Mount Umunhum and thanks to this federal appropriation, the site is now remediated and the buildings are free of friable asbestos and lead-containing materials.

With its scenic views, Mount Umunhum offers tremendous potential for balancing public access, recreation, enjoyment, and environmental education with environmental restoration. The next step in the process to convert the site to an environmentally restored piece of land and offer recreational amenities for public access is to work with the public to determine what recreational features – for example, trails and interpretive exhibits – should be included in the final site plan and whether the radar tower should remain, be partially taken down, or removed completely.

This contract with BluePoint will allow the District to implement a public information effort to communicate with and seek the input of District constituents on the three different options for establishing a fiscally-sustainable visitor destination on top Mount Umunhum.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

Committee review of this agenda item is not needed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$60,000 for the contract will come out of the Planning Department's Mount Umunhum Site Planning Project budget. At this time, staff anticipates asking the Board for a Midyear Budget adjustment to account for this additional project expense.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act. No additional notice is required.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

The proposed actions are not a considered project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and no environmental review is required.

NEXT STEPS

If approved by the Board, staff will amend the original contract with BluePoint for an additional \$60,000 to implement the outreach plan.

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