

# City of Calistoga

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Derek Rayner, Deputy Public Works Director  
**VIA:** Michael Kirn, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
**DATE:** October 3, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Consultant Services Agreement with ESA in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000 for Environmental Review and Permitting Compliance Services related to the Pioneer Park Pedestrian Bridge Project, Authorizing a Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$25,000, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contract

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**APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:**

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Dylan Feik, City Manager

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2 **ISSUE:** Consideration of a Resolution that:

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4 1. Authorizes a Consultant Services Agreement with ESA in an amount not to exceed  
5 \$100,000 for environmental review and permitting compliance services related to  
6 the Pioneer Park Pedestrian Bridge Project  
7 2. Approves a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$25,000 derived from project  
8 savings from the Little League Park Restroom Project, Account No. 01-5559-4915.  
9 3. Authorizes the City Manager to execute the Consultant Services Agreement on  
10 behalf of the City of Calistoga.

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12 **RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

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14 **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:** The replacement of the low-water crossing between  
15 the Community Center and Pioneer Park has been a desired improvement for several

16 reasons. The first is to provide a year-round river crossing connecting the Community  
17 Center and Pioneer Park, the second is to remove the concrete fish passage barrier.

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19 Plans have been prepared for the placement of a permanent pedestrian bridge (the  
20 Project) and there have been several grant applications to fund the installation of the  
21 bridge and removal of the low-water crossing. Unfortunately the applications have not  
22 been successful.

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24 The Berry Street Bridge Replacement Project presented an opportunity to move forward  
25 on the new pedestrian bridge and as part of that project a pedestrian bridge was  
26 purchased. Prior to installation of the bridge at its permanent location at Pioneer Park, it  
27 is necessary to conduct special studies and perform an environmental review for CEQA  
28 compliance.

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30 ESA was the lead consultant in the initial analysis and preparation of plans for the Project  
31 and is very familiar with the required permit necessary to construct the Project, and  
32 therefore the logical consultant to provide the necessary services to secure the permits  
33 and document CEQA compliance. Staff requested a proposal from ESA to provide  
34 technical and environmental review services for CEQA compliance and to obtain state  
35 agency permits for construction of the pedestrian bridge over the Napa River.

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37 ESA will conduct special and technical studies necessary to obtain the required permits  
38 from the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Regional Water Quality Control Board,  
39 prepare a certificate of No-Rise Determination for floodplain administration purposes, and  
40 conduct an environmental review for CEQA compliance.

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42 Staff understands the desire to move the new bridge as far upstream as possible to  
43 provide the "best link" between the proposed Sharpsteen Plaza/Community Center and  
44 Pioneer Park. We asked ESA to preliminarily investigate the impacts associated with  
45 moving the bridge upstream approximately 60 feet from its originally proposed location.

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47 They have indicated to do so will require removal of four (4) large riparian trees and we  
48 can expect significant mitigation measures will be required by the permitting agencies.  
49 Due to limited ability to mitigate locally, the City may be required to undertake bank  
50 stabilization/restoration/habitat enhancement on the Napa River somewhere within Napa  
51 County - with a 5-10 year maintenance and monitoring requirement. Significant  
52 permitting with both federal and state agencies will be required and take an extended  
53 amount of time (2-4 years would not be surprising). The estimated cost for this is  
54 between \$300,000 - \$500,000.

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56 If the removal of the low-water footbridge becomes a required mitigation measure the  
57 estimated cost would be closer to \$600,000, and possibly more. Given the significant  
58 expense and protracted amount of time potentially required associated with the removal  
59 of the large trees we will make every effort to move the bridge upstream as far as

60 practical, but most likely not much more than 25 feet upstream from the originally  
61 proposed location.

62 Staff has reviewed the proposal from ESA and finds it addresses the work needed to  
63 obtain the required permits and environmental reviews and recommends that a  
64 Consultant Services Agreement be authorized. The proposal, as presented is for  
65 \$86,000, however staff believes that there will be additional effort required for CEQA  
66 compliance and therefore recommends that the City Manager be authorized to enter into  
67 an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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69 **COUNCIL GOALS:** The project conforms to Council Goal 4: Create an Environmentally-  
70 sustainable Community; Priority Project 3: Implement the Calistoga Active Transportation  
71 Plan in order to improve and enhance walkways and bicycle trails.

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73 **CEQA REVIEW:** The recommended action is not a project as defined by CEQA and will  
74 provide the necessary CEQA documentation to allow construction of the Pedestrian  
75 Bridge.

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77 **FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds for the recommended action are budgeted in FY 2017/18 CIP  
78 under Pioneer Park Pedestrian Bridge, Account No. 01-5560, in the amount of \$75,000.  
79 The Little League Restroom project, Account No. 01-5559-4915 is budgeted in the  
80 current FY 17/18 budget in the amount of \$250,000 derived from the Cultural  
81 Recreational Impact Fees. That project will be completed using only \$150,000 leaving  
82 \$100,000 in available funds. Staff recommends that a budget adjustment in the amount  
83 of \$25,000 be approved redirecting a portion of the projected savings from the restroom  
84 project for the recommended consultant service agreement with ESA.

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86 **ATTACHMENTS:**  
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88 1. Resolution  
89 2. ESA Proposal  
90 3. Budget Adjustment

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ESA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING COMPLIANCE SERVICES RELATED TO THE PIONEER PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND APPROVING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

**WHEREAS**, the interior lining of the Palisades Sewer Lift Station wet well is peeling off the wet well walls which can cause clogging of pumps and faster deterioration of the wet well walls; and

**WHEREAS**, the replacement of the low-water crossing between the Community Center and Pioneer Park has been a desired improvement to provide a year-round river crossing connecting the Community Center and Pioneer Park and to remove the concrete fish passage barrier; and

**WHEREAS**, ESA was the lead consultant in the initial analysis and preparation of plans for the Project and is very familiar with the required permit necessary to construct the Project, and therefore the logical consultant to provide the necessary services to secure the permits and document CEQA compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff requested a proposal from ESA to provide technical and environmental review services for CEQA compliance and to obtain state agency permits for construction of the pedestrian bridge over the Napa River; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposal was received from ESA in the amount of \$89,000 to prepare special and technical studies necessary to obtain the required permits from the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Regional Water Quality Control Board, prepare a certificate of No-Rise Determination for floodplain administration purposes, and conduct an environmental review for CEQA compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has reviewed the proposal and recommends that a Consultant Services Agreement be authorized with ESA in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended action is not a project as defined by and will provide the necessary CEQA documentation to allow construction of the Pedestrian Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget adjustment redirecting saved funds from the Little League Restroom Replacement Project, Account No. 01-5559-4915 to this project is necessary in the amount of \$25,000, which includes a small contingency, is required to be transferred to the existing CIP Project – Pioneer Park Pedestrian Bridge Project,

47 Account No. 01-5560-4905 which has existing appropriations of \$75,000.

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49 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of  
50 Calistoga as follows:

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52 1. A Consultant Services Agreement is authorized with ESA to prepare special  
53 and technical studies necessary to obtain the required permits from the  
54 Department of Fish and Wildlife and Regional Water Quality Control Board,  
55 prepare a certificate of No-Rise Determination for floodplain administration  
56 purposes, and conduct an environmental review for CEQA compliance

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58 2. Approves a budget transfer adjustment in the amount of \$25,000 from the  
59 Little League Restroom Replacement Project – Capital Account #01-5559-4915,  
60 derived from Cultural Recreation Impact Fees, to CIP Project – Pioneer Park  
61 Pedestrian Bridge Project, Account No. 01-5560-4905.

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63 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of  
64 the City of Calistoga, subject to receipt of required insurance documents from  
65 ESA.

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67 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of  
68 Calistoga at a regular meeting held this **3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2017**, by the following vote:

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70 **AYES:**

71 **NOES:**

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**CHRIS CANNING, Mayor**

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**ATTEST:**

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**KATHY FLAMSON, City Clerk**