

Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager
DATE: November 6, 2024
SUBJECT: **Contract Amendment for the English Meadows Restoration (CIP Project No. 2592)**

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a contract amendment, adding \$40,000 to Frank Dial Logging (Contract No. C0057425) to perform additional fuels reduction work at English Meadow and authorize the General Manager or designee to execute appropriate documents.

BACKGROUND:

On October 13, 2021, NID executed Grant Agreement #WC-2172JG from the Wildlife Conservation Board in the amount of \$1.251M to complete the English Meadow Floodplain Enhancement and Restoration Project (Project #2592).

The purpose of this Project is to improve watershed/floodplain function and resilience of English Meadow and to complete fire fuels reduction activities within the surrounding forest. The project is located on Nevada Irrigation District property in a remote location, south of Jackson Meadows Reservoir, at 6500 ft. English Meadow is the headwaters of the Middle Yuba River.

On April 27, 2022 NID adopted Resolution No. 2022-26 and authorized a contract to Frank Dial Logging in an amount not to exceed \$910,855. Frank Dial Logging's project scope included fire fuels reduction on 120 acres, material stockpiling & grinding, and river restoration & channel improvement. In subsequent planning meetings this large amount was separated into two contracts: \$471,130 for road access and River Restoration activities; and \$439,725 for forestry and fire fuels reduction (total is \$910,855).

This Resolution also authorized a contract for Black Dog Enterprises for mechanical mastication of small (0-10" DBH) and dead and down slope fire fuels on approximately 175 acres to reduce severe wildfire risk, in the amount not to exceed \$442,448. Black Dog has completed their project scope. Due to certain inaccessible areas for mastication activities (e.g. rocky outcroppings, watercourses, etc.), Black Dog's contract has a remaining unused balance of nearly \$50,000.

Staff have identified additional fuels reduction work to remove medium (10-24" DBH) fire fuels within the project footprint and seeks to utilize the unused previously allocated CIP funds from Black Dog Enterprises to complete the work.

The funds from these contracts are grant funded through the Wildlife Conservation Board award, which has been extended from a closing date of March 31, 2024 to March 31, 2027 to enable District staff to maximize the project implementation and monitoring window. To date, Frank Dial Logging has outperformed staff's expectations for the project and is nearing the end of the project work season.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact associated with this action. Within the same CIP (Project Number 2592), previously adopted and allocated \$40,000 will be reallocated into Frank Dial Logging Contract No. C0057425.

Attachments (0)

- None