

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 2023



To: City Council
From: Public Works Department
Prepared by: Ken Seumalo, Public Works Director
Subject: **Request for Supplemental Appropriation for Whitewater River Channel Cleanup**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council **AWARDS** contract to Lippert Construction for \$234,759 for the cleanup of the Whitewater River Channel; and

APPROVES supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$234,759 to fund the Whitewater River Channel Cleanup project; and

AUTHORIZES and **DIRECTS** the City Manager to execute an agreement for the same; and

AUTHORIZES the City Manager, or designee, to transfer funds from general fund to the Public Works City Parkways Operations account.

DISCUSSION:

Beginning in December 2022, the Coachella Valley experienced significant rainstorm events generating a high volume of water in the Whitewater River Channel that caused excess debris in the channel. The scope of work to clear up the debris includes mobilization of equipment, cleanup of the channel at Fred Waring including the apron and culverts. In addition to cleanup around the channel, there is also clean up required near the east drop structure.

The multiple storms deposited debris multiple times this winter. As the debris begins to dry and decompose, if it is not removed from the grass or other landscaping, the landscaping will die. The storm debris also creates unsightly views from the Golf Resort clubhouse and golf course and can block the movement of golf carts and maintenance equipment.

Future projects in the City's Capital Improvement program include repairs to the West Drop Structure and a Low Flow Channel Widening to help reduce the amount of damage

caused by average rainstorms. The City is seeking FEAM funding to finance a large portion of these future improvements.

Staff reached out to NEI, Inc., Emery Landclearing and Grading, Inc., and Lippert Construction. NEI, Inc. was unresponsive; Emery provided a bid of \$293,000; and Lippert Construction was the lowest responsive bidder at \$213,417. Staff researched for available emergency funding from FEMA, however, no funding exists for this work for this event.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for the Whitewater River Channel Cleanup is \$213,417. Staff is also recommending a 10% contingency in the amount of \$21,342. A supplemental appropriation is required, and staff is requesting the transfer of \$234,759 from the Golf Resort Fund (Fund 560) to the Public Works City Parkways Operations account to complete this work.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Lippert Construction Proposal