

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

November 28, 2022



To: City Council
From: Community Development Department
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Subject: **Extension to Professional Services Agreement with DeNovo Planning Group for Comprehensive General Plan Update and CEQA Documentation**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council **AUTHORIZES** and **DIRECTS** the City Manager to execute a one (1) year extension to the Professional Services Agreement ("PSA") with DeNovo Planning Group for the preparation and development of the Comprehensive General Plan Update and required environmental documentation.

DISCUSSION:

BACKGROUND:

On May 21, 2020, the City of Indian Wells Housing Authority ("Authority") entered into a Professional Services Agreement ("PSA") with DeNovo Planning Group as a Consultant, to prepare the Comprehensive General Plan Update and required California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Documentation. This agreement is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2022.

Shortly after DeNovo was given an official Notice to Proceed, the State of California and the City of Indian Wells issued emergency orders responding to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency orders have remained in effect since that time, with varying degrees of stay-at-home orders and social distancing protocols. This has directly affected the progress and efficiency in performing much of DeNovo's work tasks and has restricted their ability to hold community meetings and engage the affected stakeholders in a timely manner. Additionally, during this same time, new state housing legislation has been promulgated which has resulted in additional housing requirements and programs included in the City's Housing Element and in multiple rounds of comments and reviews from the California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD"). The City also recently commissioned DeNovo Planning Group to do an additional study that

was not part of their original scope of work, which entails studying and documenting the historic nature of the existing housing stock within the City.

Consequently, staff is recommending that the City Council issue a one (1) year extension to the PSA through December 31, 2023 (Attachment 1). This will allow adequate time for staff to continue working with DeNovo and HCD regarding the Housing Element, and ultimately complete the scope of work for the Comprehensive General Plan Update and required CEQA documentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agreement Extension