



Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2010

TO: Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

FROM: Eric Erland, Water Resource Engineer

Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 5623(10) MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR THE FRICK SPRINGS PEDESTRIAN
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council

1. Adopt Resolution No. 5623(10) approving the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Frick Springs Pedestrian Bridge Replacement.
2. Approve the project; and
3. Authorize the Water Division to proceed with design and construction.

BACKGROUND:

The Frick Springs Water Treatment Plant operates as a remote package plant with an annual production of 4 million gallons. The plant is located between Miguelito Canyon Road and Miguelito Creek with access off Miguelito Canyon Road. All of the springs are located on the west side of the creek and piped across the creek using pipes attached to a foot bridge. Access to these springs was made by two means, a vehicle crossing that was washed out in a 1998 storm and the foot bridge.

The 03-05 budgets contained \$250,000 for the vehicle crossing. In 2006 plans were completed and a cost estimate provided for a replacement vehicle crossing. The estimate for the new vehicle crossing was greater than the budgeted amount and the project was placed on hold. Subsequently, staff has determined that the vehicle bridge would remain on hold and the foot bridge would be replaced.

The safety of the foot bridge was evaluated in April 2009 by Civil Engineer, Robert J. Garing, Garing Taylor & Associates, and deemed unsafe. Mr. Garing recommended that the foot bridge be closed and that "No one should be allowed on the bridge", indicating that "The two cylindrical wood beams supporting the foot bridge are in an ADVANCED state of deterioration due to dry rot. The left beam (walking away from San Miguelito Road) has crushed to about half its original diameter at the far abutment and the right beam has obvious dry rot to

the center of the beam just short of the far abutment.” Garing Taylor & Associates provided an estimated cost of \$50,000 to replace the pedestrian bridge and a \$16,000 fixed fee for Engineering Services as reflected in the attached letter February 15, 2010.

An environmental evaluation of the proposed project has been completed, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated through the State Clearinghouse from January 13, 2010 to February 11, 2010 and was duly noticed in the Lompoc Record on January 15, 2010. The project was assigned State Clearinghouse Number SCH# 2010011027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this project are available in the “CIP-Frick Springs Imp” Account Number 51300-80115

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends project approval, certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and completion of final design.

Eric D. Erland
Water Resource Engineer

Attachments: [Resolution No. 5623\(10\)](#)
[MND - Exhibit “A” \(MND ER09-0040\) \(SCH NO. 2010011027\)](#)
[Garing Taylor & Associates Estimate and Proposal for Engineering Services](#)

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Ronald V. Stassi, P.E., Utilities Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator