

H.4. Agreement with Ladriss for Evacuation and Wildfire Modeling Services and Software

Recommendation:

Approve a one-year agreement with Ladriss for evacuation and wildfire modeling services and software, approve a Budget Change Form #003-26, and confirm the contract is exempt from competitive bidding.

City Manager Smith gave the staff report and overview of the item, noting it is a way to satisfy the requirements of the settlement agreement with OSEE while also being an appropriate next step for this organization to bolster their continual disaster planning and response efforts. The item is also responsive to one of the City's strategic initiatives to use emerging technologies to guide strategic investments in fuel mitigation and evacuation efforts, which she described.

Vice Mayor Iverson asked when the City might be able to see some of the things the software can do.

City Manager Smith said they will start at the end of next month, and the consultant commented that the City should start to see very useful scenarios within one month. Once the team is fully trained, they have a 60-day implementation set up and have more in-depth results 60 days after that.

Mayor Malkani opened the Public Forum, and there were no speakers. She then closed the Public Forum.

Mayor Malkani and Councilmembers voiced excitement that the City and public will be able to engage with this and thinks it is a helpful tool.

MOTION by Councilmember Gee, and seconded by Councilmember Hoxie, to approve a one-year agreement with Ladriss for evacuation and wildfire modeling services and software, approve a Budget Change Form #003-26, and confirm the contract is exempt from competitive bidding. Said motion carried by unanimous (5-0) vote.