

Agenda Item No: 4.c

Meeting Date: June 17, 2024

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Department: Community & Economic Development Department

Prepared by: April Talley, City Manager Approval:

TOPIC: AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

SERVICES

Project Director

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

AGREEMENT WITH M-GROUP FOR ON-CALL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL

CONSULTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with M-Group for on-call planning and environmental consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

BACKGROUND:

The M-Group has been providing on-call planning and environmental consulting services to provide additional staff augmentation for increased development applications and to address short-term staffing gaps. These conditions continue to exist and, therefore, necessitate the need for ongoing on-call planning and environmental consulting services, especially as the department continues to process applications for a myriad of lower-profile development applications and numerous larger residential (Dominican Valley) and mixed-use (Northgate Mall) development applications. Because of the complexity and amount of time involved in analyzing land use and environmental review applications, the department continues to need assistance from land use and environmental consulting firms to provide guidance on the CEQA process and to prepare the necessary land use and environmental documents.

ANALYSIS:

M-Group has consistently demonstrated that they have staff with the ability and flexibility to deliver high-quality services. The firm has been instrumental in moving development applications through the City's entitlement phase in light of staffing challenges. As such, M-Group has been assigned project management to complex development projects such as Northgate Town Square and has stepped in as critical support by providing staffing assistance processing minor land use permits as well as preparing and reviewing environmental documents.

Staff is seeking to extend the on-call planning and environmental consulting services from M-Group through December 2025 with a total contract not to exceed \$250,000. This will cover existing

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commitments for project management, as well as allow staff to request assistance from the firm as needed on a project-by-project basis. The CED Director will review and approve each individual project, scope of work and cost estimates, as they are needed. Copies of the Professional Services Agreement, along with associated cost estimates, are attached.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total amount of the not-to-exceed agreement is \$250,000. City initiated projects would be paid through the Community and Economic Development Department's professional services budget. Services for private development projects would be reimbursed by developer deposits and would not have a fiscal impact on the City's budget.

OPTIONS:

The City Council has the following options to consider on this matter:

- 1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into the agreement;
- 2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into the agreement with modifications;
- 3. Direct staff to return with more information; or
- 4. Take no action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with M-Group for on-call planning and environmental consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Professional Services Agreement with M-Group for on call planning and environmental consulting services.
- 2. M-Group Staffing Amendment Proposal

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL AND

METROPOLITAN PLANNING GROUP DBA M-GROUP FOR ON-CALL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SERVICES

This Agreement is made and entered into as of _______ (the "Effective Date"), by and between the CITY OF SAN RAFAEL, a chartered California municipal corporation (hereinafter "CITY"), and Metropolitan Planning Group, a California Corporation (hereinafter "CONSULTANT"). CITY and CONSULTANT may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties" or the "Parties to this Agreement."

RECITALS

- A. **CITY** desires to secure professional services more fully described in this Agreement, at **Exhibit A**, entitled "SCOPE OF SERVICES"; and
- B. **CONSULTANT** represents that it, and its subcontractors, if any, have the professional qualifications, expertise, and necessary licenses and desire to provide certain goods and/or required services of the quality and type which meet objectives and requirements of **CITY**; and
- C. The Parties have specified herein the terms and conditions under which such services will be provided and paid for.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED.

Except as otherwise may be expressly specified in this Agreement, **CONSULTANT** shall furnish all technical and professional services, including labor, material, equipment, transportation, supervision and expertise (collectively referred to as "Services") to satisfactorily complete the work required by **CITY** at its sole risk and expense. Services to be provided to CITY are more fully described in **Exhibit A** entitled "SCOPE OF SERVICES." **CONSULTANT** acknowledges that the execution of this Agreement by **CITY** is predicated upon representations made by **CONSULTANT** in that certain proposal, dated May 28, 2024 ("Proposal") set forth in **Exhibit A**, which constitutes the basis for this Agreement.

2. COMPENSATION.

In consideration for **CONSULTANT's** complete performance of Services, **CITY** shall pay **CONSULTANT** for all materials provided and services rendered by **CONSULTANT** at the unit

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rates and rates per hour for labor, as set forth in **Exhibit A**, for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.

CONSULTANT will bill City on a monthly basis for Services provided by **CONSULTANT** during the preceding month, subject to verification by **CITY**. **CITY** will pay **CONSULTANT** within thirty (30) days of City's receipt of invoice.

3. TERM OF AGREEMENT.

Unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement or unless this paragraph is subsequently modified by a written amendment to this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date of this Agreement and terminate on December 31, 2025.

4. PROJECT COORDINATION.

- A. **CITY'S Project Manager.** Community and Economic Development Director is hereby designated the PROJECT MANAGER for the **CITY** and said PROJECT MANAGER shall supervise all aspects of the progress and execution of this Agreement.
- B. CONSULTANT'S Project Director. CONSULTANT shall assign a single PROJECT DIRECTOR to have overall responsibility for the progress and execution of this Agreement for CONSULTANT. Heather Hines is hereby designated as the PROJECT DIRECTOR for CONSULTANT. Should circumstances or conditions subsequent to the execution of this Agreement require a substitute PROJECT DIRECTOR, for any reason, the CONSULTANT shall notify the CITY within ten (10) business days of the substitution.

5. TERMINATION.

- A. **Discretionary**. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice mailed or personally delivered to the other party.
- B. Cause. Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause upon fifteen (15) days written notice mailed or personally delivered to the other party, and the notified party's failure to cure or correct the cause of the termination, to the reasonable satisfaction of the party giving such notice, within such fifteen (15) day time period.
- C. **Effect of Termination**. Upon receipt of notice of termination, neither party shall incur additional obligations under any provision of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other.
- D. **Return of Documents**. Upon termination, any and all **CITY** documents or materials provided to **CONSULTANT** and any and all of **CONSULTANT's** documents and materials prepared for or relating to the performance of its duties under this Agreement, shall be delivered to **CITY** as soon as possible, but not later than thirty (30) days after termination.

6. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

The written documents and materials prepared by the **CONSULTANT** in connection with the performance of its duties under this Agreement, shall be the sole property of **CITY**. **CITY** may use said property for any purpose, including projects not contemplated by this Agreement.

7. INSPECTION AND AUDIT.

Upon reasonable notice, **CONSULTANT** shall make available to **CITY**, or its agent, for inspection and audit, all documents and materials maintained by **CONSULTANT** in connection with its performance of its duties under this Agreement. **CONSULTANT** shall fully cooperate with **CITY** or its agent in any such audit or inspection.

8. <u>ASSIGNABILITY</u>.

The parties agree that they shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement nor the performance of any of their respective obligations hereunder, without the prior written consent of the other party, and any attempt to so assign this Agreement or any rights, duties or obligations arising hereunder shall be void and of no effect.

9. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

During the term of this Agreement, and for any time period set forth in **Exhibit B**, **CONSULTANT** shall procure and maintain in full force and effect, at no cost to **CITY** insurance policies with respect to employees and vehicles assigned to the performance of Services under this Agreement with coverage amounts, required endorsements, certificates of insurance, and coverage verifications as defined in **Exhibit B**.

10. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>.

Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph B of this section, CONSULTANT shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify, release, defend with counsel approved by CITY, and hold harmless CITY, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers (collectively, the "City Indemnitees"), from and against any claim, demand, suit, judgment, loss, liability or expense of any kind, including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and all other costs and fees of litigation, (collectively "CLAIMS"), arising out of CONSULTANT'S performance of its obligations or conduct of its operations under this Agreement. The CONSULTANT's obligations apply regardless of whether or not a liability is caused or contributed to by the active or passive negligence of the City Indemnitees. However, to the extent that liability is caused by the active negligence or willful misconduct of the City Indemnitees, the CONSULTANT's indemnification obligation shall be reduced in proportion to the City Indemnitees' share of liability for the active negligence or willful misconduct. In addition, the acceptance or approval of the CONSULTANT's work or work product by the CITY or any of its directors, officers or employees shall not relieve or reduce the CONSULTANT's indemnification obligations. In the event the City Indemnitees are made a party to any action, lawsuit, or other adversarial proceeding arising from CONSULTANT'S performance of or operations under this Agreement,

CONSULTANT shall provide a defense to the **City Indemnitees** or at **CITY'S** option reimburse the **City Indemnitees** their costs of defense, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in defense of such claims.

- B. Where the services to be provided by **CONSULTANT** under this Agreement are design professional services to be performed by a design professional as that term is defined under Civil Code Section 2782.8, then, to the extent permitted by law including without limitation, Civil Code sections 2782, 2782.6 and 2782.8, **CONSULTANT** shall indemnify and hold harmless the **CITY** and its officers, officials, and employees (collectively **City Indemnitees**) from and against damages, liabilities or costs (including incidental damages, Court costs, reasonable attorney's fees as may be determined by the Court, litigation expenses and fees of expert witnesses incurred in connection therewith and costs of investigation) to the extent they are caused by the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of **CONSULTANT**, or any subconsultants, or subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whom they are legally liable (collectively Liabilities). Such obligation to hold harmless and indemnify any indemnity shall not apply to the extent that such Liabilities are caused in part by the negligence or willful misconduct of such City Indemnitee.
- C. The defense and indemnification obligations of this Agreement are undertaken in addition to, and shall not in any way be limited by, the insurance obligations contained in this Agreement, and shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement for the full period of time allowed by law.

11. NONDISCRIMINATION.

CONSULTANT shall not discriminate, in any way, against any person on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin or disability in connection with or related to the performance of its duties and obligations under this Agreement.

12. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS.

CONSULTANT shall observe and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations, in the performance of its duties and obligations under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall perform all services under this Agreement in accordance with these laws, ordinances, codes and regulations. CONSULTANT shall release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless CITY, its officers, agents and employees from any and all damages, liabilities, penalties, fines and all other consequences from any noncompliance or violation of any laws, ordinances, codes or regulations.

13. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.

CITY and **CONSULTANT** do not intend, by any provision of this Agreement, to create in any third party, any benefit or right owed by one party, under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, to the other party.

14. NOTICES.

All notices and other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement, including any notice of change of address, shall be in writing and given by personal delivery, or deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties intended to be notified. Notice shall be deemed given as of the date of personal delivery, or if mailed, upon the date of deposit with the United States Postal Service. Notice shall be given as follows:

To **CITY**'s Project Manager:

To **CONSULTANT**'s Project Director:

Micah Hinkle, Community and Economic Heather Hines, Principal Development Director 1400 Fifth Avenue San Rafael, CA 94901

1275 4th Street, #265 Santa Rosa, CA 9504

15. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

For the purposes, and for the duration, of this Agreement, CONSULTANT, its officers, agents and employees shall act in the capacity of an Independent Contractor, and not as employees of CONSULTANT and CITY expressly intend and agree that the status of the CITY. CONSULTANT, its officers, agents and employees be that of an Independent Contractor and not that of an employee of CITY.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT -- AMENDMENTS.

- The terms and conditions of this Agreement, all exhibits attached, and all documents expressly incorporated by reference, represent the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- This written Agreement shall supersede any and all prior agreements, oral or written, regarding the subject matter between the CONSULTANT and the CITY.
- No other agreement, promise or statement, written or oral, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, shall be valid or binding, except by way of a written amendment to this Agreement.
- D. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be altered or modified except by a written amendment to this Agreement signed by the **CONSULTANT** and the **CITY**.
- E. If any conflicts arise between the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and the terms and conditions of the attached exhibits or the documents expressly incorporated by reference, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control.

17. **SET-OFF AGAINST DEBTS.**

CONSULTANT agrees that **CITY** may deduct from any payment due to **CONSULTANT**

under this Agreement, any monies which **CONSULTANT** owes **CITY** under any ordinance, agreement, contract or resolution for any unpaid taxes, fees, licenses, assessments, unpaid checks or other amounts.

18. WAIVERS.

The waiver by either party of any breach or violation of any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement, or of any ordinance, law or regulation, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other term, covenant, condition, ordinance, law or regulation, or of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or other term, covenant, condition, ordinance, law or regulation. The subsequent acceptance by either party of any fee, performance, or other consideration which may become due or owing under this Agreement, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding breach or violation by the other party of any term, condition, covenant of this Agreement or any applicable law, ordinance or regulation.

19. COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.

The prevailing party in any action brought to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or arising out of the performance of this Agreement, may recover its reasonable costs (including claims administration) and attorney's fees expended in connection with such action.

20. CITY BUSINESS LICENSE / OTHER TAXES.

CONSULTANT shall obtain and maintain during the duration of this Agreement, a CITY business license as required by the San Rafael Municipal Code, and CONSULTANT shall pay any and all state and federal taxes and any other applicable taxes. CITY shall not be required to pay for any work performed under this Agreement, until CONSULTANT has provided CITY with a completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification).

21. SURVIVAL OF TERMS.

Any terms of this Agreement that by their nature extend beyond the term (or termination) of this Agreement shall remain in effect until fulfilled and shall apply to both Parties' respective successors and assigns.

22. APPLICABLE LAW.

The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.

23. <u>COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE</u>.

This Agreement may be executed by electronic signature and in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one document. Counterpart signature pages may be delivered by telecopier, email or other means of electronic transmission.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day, month and year first above written.

CITY OF SAN RAFAEL:	CONSULTANT:	
CRISTINE ALILOVICH, City Manager	By:	
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Office of the City Attorney	Name:Title:	
By: GENEVIEVE COYLE, Assistant City Attorney	[If CONSULTANT is a corporation, signature of second corporate officer]	add
ATTEST: City Clerk	By: Name: Title:	
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EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Services to be performed for **CITY** by **CONSULTANT** under this Agreement are more fully described in **CONSULTANT's** proposal, which is attached to this Exhibit A.



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EXHIBIT B INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

During the term of this Agreement, and for any time period set forth below, **CONSULTANT** shall procure and maintain in full force and effect, at no cost to **CITY** insurance policies with respect to employees and vehicles assigned to the performance of Services under this Agreement with coverage amounts, required endorsements, certificates of insurance, and coverage verifications as defined in this Exhibit B.

- A. **Scope of Coverage.** During the term of this Agreement, **CONSULTANT** shall maintain, at no expense to **CITY**, the following insurance policies:
- 1. **Commercial general liability**. A commercial general liability insurance policy in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence/two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate, for death, bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage.
- 2. **Automobile liability**. An automobile liability (owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles) insurance policy in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.
- 3. **Professional liability**. If any licensed professional performs any of the services required to be performed under this Agreement, a professional liability insurance policy in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence/two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate, to cover any claims arising out of the **CONSULTANT's** performance of services under this Agreement. Where **CONSULTANT** is a professional not required to have a professional license, **CITY** reserves the right to require **CONSULTANT** to provide professional liability insurance pursuant to this section.
- 4. **Workers' compensation**. If it employs any person, **CONSULTANT** shall maintain workers' compensation insurance, as required by the State of California, with statutory limits, and employer's liability insurance with limits of no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury or disease. **CONSULTANT's** workers' compensation insurance shall be specifically endorsed to waive any right of subrogation against **CITY**.
- B. Other Insurance Requirements. The insurance coverage required of the CONSULTANT in subparagraph A of this section above shall also meet the following requirements:
- 1. Except for professional liability insurance or workers' compensation insurance, the insurance policies shall be specifically endorsed to include the **CITY**, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, as additional insureds (for both ongoing and completed operations) under the policies.
- 2. The additional insured coverage under **CONSULTANT's** insurance policies shall be "primary and noncontributory" with respect to any insurance or coverage maintained by **CITY** and shall not call upon **CITY's** insurance or self-insurance coverage for any contribution. The "primary and noncontributory" coverage in **CONSULTANT'S** policies shall be at least as broad as

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- 3. Except for professional liability insurance or workers' compensation insurance, the insurance policies shall include, in their text or by endorsement, coverage for contractual liability and personal injury.
- 4. By execution of this Agreement, **CONSULTANT** hereby grants to **CITY** a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of **CONSULTANT** may acquire against **CITY** by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. **CONSULTANT** agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not **CITY** has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
- 5. If the insurance is written on a Claims Made Form, then, following termination of this Agreement, said insurance coverage shall survive for a period of not less than five years.
- 6. The insurance policies shall provide for a retroactive date of placement coinciding with the Effective Date of this Agreement.
- 7. The limits of insurance required in this Agreement may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella or excess insurance. Any umbrella or excess insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that such coverage shall also apply on a primary and noncontributory basis for the benefit of **CITY** (if agreed to in a written contract or agreement) before **CITY'S** own insurance or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured.
- 8. It shall be a requirement under this Agreement that any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shall be available to **CITY** or any other additional insured party. Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be: (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of any insurance policy or proceeds available to the named insured; whichever is greater. No representation is made that the minimum insurance requirements of this Agreement are sufficient to cover the obligations of the **CONSULTANT** under this Agreement.
- 9. **CONSULTANT** agrees to ensure that subcontractors, and any other party involved with the Services, who is brought onto or involved in the performance of the Services by **CONSULTANT**, provide the same minimum insurance coverage required of **CONSULTANT**, except as with respect to limits. **CONSULTANT** agrees to monitor and review all such coverage and assumes all responsibility for ensuring that such coverage is provided in conformity with the requirements of this Agreement. **CONSUTLANT** agrees that upon request by **CITY**, all agreements with, and insurance compliance documents provided by, such subcontractors and others engaged in the performance of Services will be submitted to **CITY** for review.
- 10. **CONSULTANT** agrees to be responsible for ensuring that no contract used by any party involved in any way with the Services reserves the right to charge **CITY** or **CONSULTANT** for the cost of additional insurance coverage required by this Agreement. Any

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such provisions are to be deleted with reference to CITY. It is not the intent of CITY to reimburse any third party for the cost of complying with these requirements. There shall be no recourse against CITY for payment of premiums or other amounts with respect thereto.

- C. **Deductibles and SIR's.** Any deductibles or self-insured retentions in **CONSULTANT's** insurance policies must be declared to and approved by the **CITY** and shall not reduce the limits of liability. Policies containing any self-insured retention (SIR) provision shall provide or be endorsed to provide that the SIR may be satisfied by either the named insured or **CITY** or other additional insured party. At **CITY's** option, the deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to **CITY** shall be reduced or eliminated to **CITY's** satisfaction, or **CONSULTANT** shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, attorney's fees and defense expenses.
- D. **Proof of Insurance**. **CONSULTANT** shall provide to the PROJECT MANAGER all of the following: (1) Certificates of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage required in this Agreement; (2) a copy of the policy declaration page and/or endorsement page listing all policy endorsements for the commercial general liability policy, and (3) excerpts of policy language or specific endorsements evidencing the other insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement. **CITY** reserves the right to obtain a full certified copy of any insurance policy and endorsements from **CONSULTANT**. Failure to exercise this right shall not constitute a waiver of the right to exercise it later. The insurance shall be approved as to form and sufficiency by the **CITY**.

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June 7, 2024

Micah Hinkle
Director of Community and Economic Development Administration and Innovation
City of San Rafael
1400 Fifth Avenue, Top Floor
San Rafael, CA 94901

Dear Micah,

I am pleased to prepare this letter proposal to renew M-Group's contract with the City of San Rafael. We pride ourselves on ongoing work with our clients to prepare quality work product with flexibility to respond to each jurisdiction's changing needs and timelines. M-Group has provided staffing assistance to the City of San Rafael since 2014and our team looks forward to continuing that work with you and your staff.

This contract is intended to augment and extend our current contract for staffing support. Under this contract, M-Group will provide professional planning services for development and environmental review projects assigned by the City. More specifically, these services will generally consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

- Review development project materials and environmental technical studies as needed
- Writing of reports, correspondence, findings, and conditions of approval
- Attend meetings with applicants and City staff
- Complete research and make recommendations
- Conduct site inspections
- Attend and presentation at public meetings such as Design Review Board, Planning Commission, and City Council

M-Group will also provide on call environmental review services for project level environmental review. A separate project level budget may be required at the direction of staff for more complex environmental review assignments to ensure full cost recovery capture. These services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Expanded justifications for categorical and statutory exemptions
- Consistency analysis
- Initial Studies
- Negative Declarations and Mitigated Negative Declarations
- Environmental Impact Reports
- Project management of environmental analysis
- Peer review of environmental documents and technical studies

Additionally, M-Group may provide professional planning services to assist the City with advanced planning and special projects as requested by the City. These services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- City initiated zoning updates
- Annual Housing Element Report
- Environmental review of City projects
- Public outreach and educational efforts on advanced planning and policy issues
- Project management for city led initiatives

This contract will extend to December 31, 2025 and will be charged on a time and materials basis. There is a not to exceed budget of \$250,000 for work under this contract. M-Group's 2024 hourly rates are attached, and rates will be charged based on the position assigned to a specific project under agreement with the City. These rates shall be subject to annual review on January 1st of each year consistent with M-Group's standard annual rate increases. Charges will be billed monthly.

Please let me know if there is anything additional needed at this time. I look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

HEATHER HINES

Principal hhines@m-group.us 707.318.6208

Attachments:

M-Group 2024 rate sheet

Cc: Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Planning Manager April Talley, Project Director