

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 21-116

AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
WITH ANCHOR QEA, LLC. FOR  
MEADOWDALE BEACH PARK AND ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Meadowdale Beach County Park, with more than 70,000 annual visitors, was purchased in 1971 with acquisition partially funded by the Washington State Interagency Committee (IAC) (now known as Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office) (RCO) for the purpose of saltwater beach access; and

WHEREAS, a major park development project was completed in 1988 which included securing an agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) for shared use of the 6-foot wide, 5.5-foot high, 60-foot long culvert conveying Lunds Gulch Creek, a salmon-bearing stream, through the BNSF embankment for the purpose of providing public beach access; and

WHEREAS, over time, increased runoff and rainfall events within the gulch have resulted in sediment delivery, flooding, public safety, and fish impediment issues at the entrance to and within the culvert; and

WHEREAS, a Feasibility Study commenced in October 2014 and concluded with selection of a Preferred Alternative developed through a public process to address the multiple issues related to the narrow culvert; and

WHEREAS, the Preferred Alternative included replacing the undersized culvert and approximately 128 linear feet of hard armored BNSF railroad embankment with a multi-span railroad bridge, creation of more than one acre of tidal marsh pocket estuary, restoring nearshore and stream riparian buffers, providing a separated ADA accessible path to the beach, installing a pedestrian bridge for viewing salmon and installing benches, picnic tables and interpretive signage in the lower park; and

WHEREAS, design and development of construction documents, permitting and bid assistance began in August 2016 and is now complete with approved plans and issued permits; and

WHEREAS, the project includes construction by both a contractor procured through the public bid process (002-21SB) advertised on February 1, 2021 with bids opened on March 16, 2021 as well as construction by BNSF; and

WHEREAS, the project requires an Underpass Agreement to be executed between Snohomish County and BNSF for the purpose of allowing the County-procured contractor access across BNSF right-of-way, describing construction, long-term maintenance and ownership responsibilities, as well as granting an easement to the County for public beach access and the estuary; and

WHEREAS, once the Underpass Agreement is executed by the County and BNSF and Bid 002-21SB is awarded, specialized construction management support from railroad, geotechnical and park/habitat consultants is needed to support the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with implementing and completing construction of this project; and

WHEREAS, Anchor QEA, LLC. was selected through the County's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process (RFQ 003-21SB) for the purpose of providing geotechnical related construction management services for a fee of \$790,534.48 (Seven Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents); and

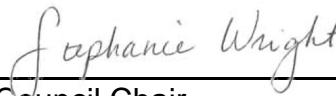
WHEREAS, Capital Improvement Project funding for Meadowdale Beach County Park has been included in the Park 6-yr CIPs since 2016 and the engineer's estimate for construction by the County-procured contractor, BNSF and consultant services for this project is \$15,000,000 (Fifteen Million Dollars); and

WHEREAS, funding for the Meadowdale Beach Park and Estuary Restoration Project includes awards from seven (7) grants totaling \$6,954,000, (Six Million, Nine Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Dollars) with the remaining \$8,046,000 (Eight Million, Forty-Six Thousand Dollars) from REET 2 funding and tax-exempt bond funds as approved in Motion 20-401;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby approves the contract and authorizes the County Executive to sign the Agreement for Professional Services with Anchor QEA, LLC.

PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Asst. Clerk of the Council