

Saddle Creek Community Services District

Regular Meeting of August 15, 2017

AGENDA SUPPORTING DATA

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- d. Approval for the General Manager to contract with a landscape architect on an hourly basis for assistance in planning the drought tolerant landscape project

Recommended Motion

I move to authorize the General Manager to contract with a landscape architect on an hourly basis for assistance in planning the drought tolerant landscape project.

Background

The 2017/18 Preliminary and Final budgets contain funding in the amount of \$20,000 to hire a professional landscape architect to assist the District with planning and designing a water efficient, beautiful landscape plan to replace the lost median-turf areas and other areas where we can save money on water and maintenance through a combination of drought tolerant plantings, hardscape and landscape materials.

The Landscape Ad-hoc committee met for the first time on August 3, 2017 to determine the direction of the landscape and purpose of the committee. Full of energy and ideas, the committee determined that one of our first steps should be to engage the services of a professional landscape architect to work with the District and committee on an as-needed basis to set the groundwork for efficient committee process that will result in conceptual plan; from which we secure full design proposals in the future.

At the current time, staff needs the authority to contract with a professional architect on an hourly basis to immediately assist in the planning process. The architect will be selected by the General Manager, with committee input, based on experience and qualifications in similar work.