

City of Placerville

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: Randy Pesses, Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT: "AS-NEEDED" GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTING AGREEMENT
WITH YOUNGDAHL CONSULTING GROUP, INC.**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Consulting Services Agreement with Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc., in the amount of \$20,000 to provide geotechnical consulting services to the City of Placerville in the calendar years 2009 and 2010 on an "As-Needed" basis.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Placerville has a number of ongoing projects that, on occasion, require the services of a geotechnical engineering firm to provide advice with respect to foundation design, retaining walls, slope stability, pavement design, contaminated soils, and other issues related to project design or construction. In addition, geotechnical firms typically provide service with respect to materials testing performed during construction projects for quality assurance purposes. In some instances, the scope of work is such that a request for proposals is necessary and a firm is selected to provide services for a specific project. However, on occasion, the need for service is of a limited scope for a short duration, and in those instances, the ability to retain a geotechnical engineer under an existing "As-Needed" Contract can be very beneficial from a cost and timing perspective. In addition, there are instances when the services of a geotechnical engineer are needed on an emergency basis, as in the case when a landslide occurs. Again, having a geotechnical firm under contract with the City on an "As-Needed" basis can be very effective in obtaining consulting services very quickly.

DISCUSSION:

Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc., was under contract with the City in 2008 to provide "As-needed" geotechnical services. The City utilized those services on several occasions including the Gold Bug Park Project and the City-sponsored portions of the sewer line relocation work associated with the Highway 50 Operational Improvements Project. The

contract amount for 2008 was \$37,000 because the City had a Task Order with Youngdahl to provide specific geotechnical services for the contaminated soil issues associated with the Fox Parking Lot Sewer Line Relocation Project (CIP # 40316). The 2008 contract has expired and all authorized funds have been expended. There is work remaining that Youngdahl must complete to close out the reporting on the contaminated soil at the Fox Lot Project, and therefore it is recommended that a new "As-Needed" agreement in the amount of \$20,000 be entered into with Youngdahl to extend through 2009 and 2010.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The services utilized under this agreement will be in support of both City capital improvement projects and private development projects. The cost of work performed by Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc. for private development projects will be borne completely by the developer. Services for City projects will be limited to City Council authorized capital improvement projects that have an unencumbered budget balance that is greater or equal to the anticipated expenditures. Tonight, staff respectfully requests the City Council to approve the "as needed" agreement with Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc.

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