



# City of Hermosa Beach

## Information Item

**DATE:** February 27, 2019  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Kim Chafin, Planning Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Contracts for EIR Consultants for Subsea Fiber-Optic Cable System

### **Executive Summary**

The City Manager is authorizing contracts with two environmental consultants for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for two subsea fiber-optic cable systems proposed at one landing site. The developer will reimburse for all costs for preparation of the EIR.

### **Background**

On October 9, 2018, the Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the developer, RTI Infrastructure, regarding basic terms of an offer to amend an easement for the use of City property to allow two additional subsea fiber-optic cable systems to land at either 6<sup>th</sup> Street or 10<sup>th</sup> Street, the fifth and sixth systems to be installed by RTI.

<https://hermosabeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3694982&GUID=B45B5FB0-10A7-45F0-9355-73F5F49F6D81>

The City has entered into an MOU, conducted environmental analysis, certified an EIR and approved the requested entitlements and lease and easement agreements to allow four fiber optic cable systems at two landing sites in 2016. The developer is now proposing two additional systems.

Aspen Environmental prepared the previous EIR documents. Because Aspen has proven expertise with these types of projects, and previously prepared the EIR for a nearly identical project in Hermosa Beach, they will be able to save time and money while still producing a quality product. Estimated cost of their services is \$262,492.

Ed Almanza & Associates peer reviewed the EIR for the previously approved systems. Because of their CEQA expertise, familiarity with Hermosa Beach and experience peer reviewing the previous EIR for a nearly identical project in Hermosa Beach, they will be able to save time and money while still producing a quality product. Estimated cost of their services is \$54,790.



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The City is entering into a Reimbursement Agreement with RTI that will cover the following: the costs of both consulting firms; a 15 percent administrative fee to reimburse the City's internal staff administrative and contract management costs; the cost of any necessary outside engineering services; and City Attorney fees and expenses. Upon execution of the Reimbursement Agreement, RTI will deposit \$100,000 with the City, which will be replenished in that amount on a quarterly basis, or at such time as the City determines, based on the actual expenses incurred. Once the project is completed, any remaining funds will be returned to RTI.

### **Fiscal Impact**

None.