

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 25, 2015

Board Item: II-B-2

Agreement with High Line Partners Conservancy Related to Development of High Line Canal Contract #15951A

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Summary:

In 2012 Denver Water entered into an MOU with the City and County of Denver, Arapahoe County and Douglas County to explore the potential of changing the purpose of the High Line Canal. The High Line Canal is an inefficient means of delivering water to customers and realities of water scarcity have precipitated the need to reassess the use of the canal while also recognizing the important role that it currently plays as a major recreational resource. Following recommendations of the MOU additional benefits have been investigated for the canal such as utilization as a storm water quality treatment system which are currently in the process of being piloted. The 2012 MOU efforts also resulted in a recommendation to harness the commitment of community leaders throughout the region to create an organizational structure that supports a comprehensive community-based visioning and planning process for the High Line and second, to generate public and private funding to support the vision created through such a process. This organization has been created in the High Line Canal Partnership Conservancy. Denver Water and the High Line Partners Conservancy have reached an agreement regarding a payment from Denver Water to the High Line Partners Conservancy to provide initial funds needed to establish this nonprofit. The nonprofit will act for the benefit of the High Line Canal and the communities adjacent to the Canal.

Budget Information:

This item was not anticipated and included in the 2015 Approved Budget, but a budget offset has been identified by the Operations and Maintenance Division and those budgeted funds are being utilized for this agreement. The budget offset was the result of unanticipated savings from a project that was completed for less than expected. This agreement does not obligate the Board to future payments to this entity.

2015 Budget	\$ 0
Amount Requested This Item	\$ 100,000
YTD Expenditures	\$ 0
Dollars Budgeted for Future Years	\$ 0
Revised Estimate	\$
Budget Adjustment (from Security Upgrades Budget 430, 4HD0001, 5900)	\$ 100,000

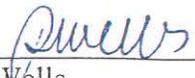
Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve Contract #15951A with High Line Partners Conservancy for a funding agreement for the contract period March 25, 2015 to March 31, 2016 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Approvals:



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Respectfully submitted,



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