



Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Robert L. Vestal, City Engineer | Public Works Director
BY: Vincent Lopez, Project Manager
DATE: January 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement with Cozad & Fox, Inc

Description: A Professional Services Agreement with Cozad & Fox for the Desert Lawn Slope Restoration – Capital Improvement Project (CIP) R-26-10.

Background and Analysis:

In 2022, the City of Beaumont (City) experienced an extreme weather event that generated unusually high stormwater runoff throughout its drainage network. During this event, the 36-inch reinforced concrete storm drainpipe connected to the inlet located adjacent to Desert Lawn Drive, east of Champions Drive, sustained significant structural failure. The excessive hydraulic loading funneled through the inlet exceeded the pipe's design capacity, resulting in joint separation along multiple segments of the line. This joint failure allowed uncontrolled discharge and soil migration, which in turn triggered substantial erosion along the slope where the pipeline was originally embedded. The progressive loss of supporting material further compromised the integrity of the storm drain system and contributed to the overall failure observed at the site.

To address the storm drainpipe failure, the City dedicated capital improvement funding and initiated the Desert Lawn Slope Restoration Project (CIP R-26-10). The Project encompasses a comprehensive set of engineering, environmental, and administrative tasks necessary to restore the functionality of the drainage system and stabilize the adjacent slope. The scope of work includes stakeholder coordination meetings, detailed site assessments, topographic and boundary land surveying, and geotechnical investigations to evaluate subsurface conditions and inform design recommendations.

In addition, the Project involves preparation of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption, development of full construction plans and technical specifications, and design of corrective measures to repair the storm drainpipe and reestablish long-term slope stability along the area contiguous to the Tukwet Golf Course.

In October 2025, the City began requesting proposals from engineering consulting firms to prepare the engineering plans and specifications to reconstruct the storm drainpipe and restore the eroded slope. The City received three (3) proposals for this Project:

- NV5: \$159,835.00
- EXP U.S. Services: \$155,628.00
- Cozad & Fox, Inc.: \$ 56,177.00

On December 29, 2025, at the request of the City, Cozad & Fox submitted a revised proposal in the amount of \$65,984 that includes geotechnical engineering for stabilization of the slope. This scope and fee for the proposal are commensurate with the purpose of the Project. The revised proposal from Cozad & Fox is provided as Attachment A for reference.

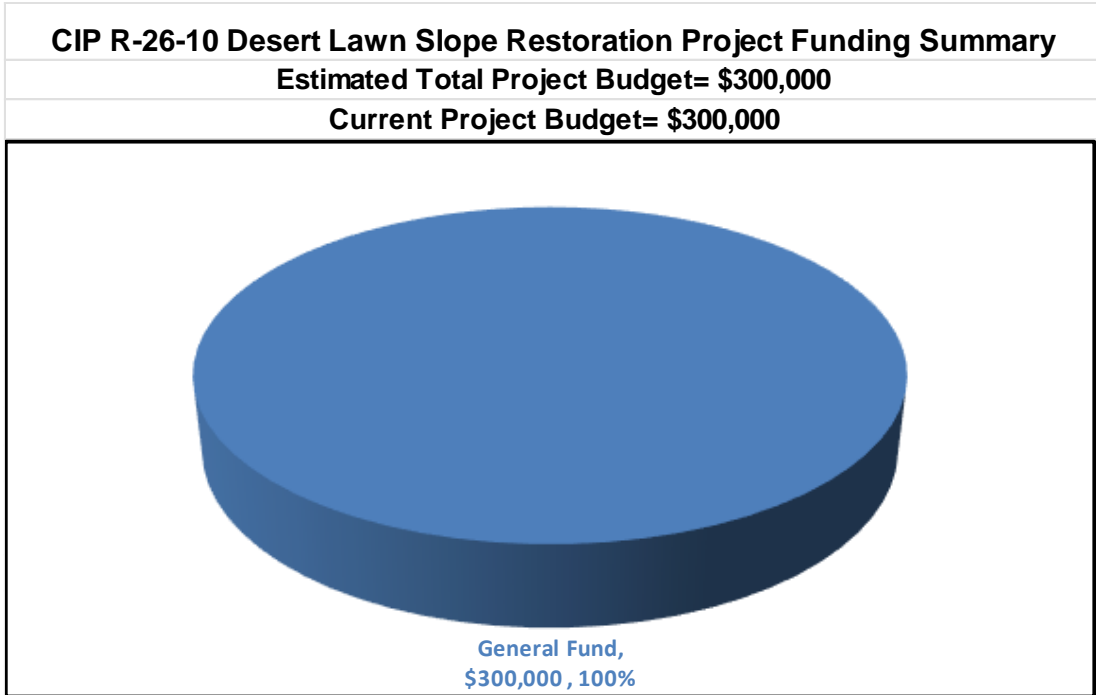
While the proposed agreement is under the \$75,000 threshold, the City also used this vendor for the 2nd Street extension project awarded in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025. Payments in FY 2025/2026 come out to \$10,600.69, pushing the amount for this vendor over \$75,000. Due to this, staff recommends that the City Council award a Professional Services Agreement with Cozad & Fox, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$65,984, through February 2, 2029, to prepare the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E).

The Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Cozad & Fox has been provided as Attachment B for reference.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated to be \$350.

Funding for this Project is provided by CIP R-26-10 Desert Lawn Slope Restoration. The following is a summary of the project funding and budget:



CIP R-26-10 Desert Lawn Slope Restoration Project Budget Summary

Project Component	Est. Total Budget	Current Budget	Paid to Date	Remaining Budget
Project Management				
Preliminary Services				
Environmental				
Design	\$75,000	\$75,000		\$75,000
Permits				
Right-of-Way				
Construction	\$225,000	\$225,000		\$225,000
Construction Management				
Equipment				
Total	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$-	\$300,000

Recommended Action:

Approve the agreement with Cozad & Fox, Inc. for professional engineering design services, for the period of February 2, 2026, through February 2, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$65,984; and,

Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Cozad & Fox, Inc. in the amount of \$65,984, for the purchase of professional engineering design services.

Attachments:

- A. Proposal – Cozad & Fox
- B. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) – Cozad & Fox
- C. Levine Act Statement – Cozad & Fox