



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: January 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2026-18, Awarding a Professional Services Agreement for Project No. 2020-04 Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project for Environmental Monitoring Services, to UltraSystems Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$381,900 and approving a 10% contingency for a total budget of "Not-to-Exceed" \$420,090

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2026-18

BACKGROUND:

The Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension is a critical infrastructure project that will construct a new 1-mile roadway segment, providing a vital east-west connection between Highland Home Road and Sunset Avenue. The project is designed to improve traffic circulation, reduce congestion on parallel routes, and support planned community development.

On April 14, 2020, City Council approved Resolution No. 2020-48 for Professional Services Agreement with WEBB for the design and environmental impact studies of the Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project in the amount of \$548,416.05. The Agreement was subsequently amended five (5) times resulting in a total design cost of \$1,364,706.66.

The construction of this project, while essential, will create environmental impacts that have been carefully analyzed and mitigated through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process performed by WEBB. With anticipated permanent impacts on 19.4 acres and temporary construction effects on 9.1 acres over 370 working days construction period, the project necessitates the services of a qualified environmental monitoring team. Their role is critical to ensuring all work aligns with the mandated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), meets state and federal regulatory standards, and fulfills all obligations for environmentally sensitive resources of this project.

On July 14, 2020, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-97, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Reimbursement Agreement with Western Riverside Council of Government (WRCOG) for up to \$1,000,000 in TUMF funds for the Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension project. The Agreement was subsequently amended two (2) times. The first amendment increased the funding by \$12,000,000 and the second amendment increased the funding by \$7,000,000 for a total of \$20,000,000.

On October 24, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution 2023-174, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Measure A Regional Arterial (MARA) funding with the Riverside County Transportation

Commission (RCTC) in the amount of \$13,500,000 for the Construction of the Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project.

On November 5, 2025, staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project Construction Environmental Monitoring Services on the City's public bidding platform. The bids were due on December 15, 2025. In response to the RFP, nine (9) bids were received from the following consultants:

<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Score (out of 100)</u>
1) UltraSystems Environmental, Inc.	90.33
2) Dudek	81.83
3) PAX Environmental, Inc.	81.83
4) CASC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.	81.50
5) Chambers Group, Inc.	81.50
6) Vandermost Consulting Services, Inc.	81.33
7) SWCA Environmental Consultants	81.17
8) Aspen Environmental Group	80.17
9) SummitWest Environmental Consultants	76

The scope of work will include the following tasks:

- Project Management
- General Monitoring Program
- Crotch's Bumble Bee Monitoring
- Vegetation Clearance and Pre-Construction Nesting Bird
- Monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery

JUSTIFICATION:

The retention of a qualified environmental monitoring consultant is a fundamental and non-discretionary component of responsible project delivery for the Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension project. It will ensure that we meet our legal obligations, protect the environment, manage financial and schedule risks, and fulfill the commitments made to our community and regulatory partners during the environmental review process.

Staff evaluated the bid proposals based on qualifications, cost, experience with the requested scope of services and response to the request for proposals. As a result, staff recommend the award of a Professional Services Agreement to UltraSystems Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$381,900.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff recommends awarding a Professional Services Agreement to UltraSystems Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$381,900 and approving a 10% contingency in the amount of \$38,190 for a total "not-to-exceed" project budget of \$ 420,090.

The project costs are eligible and expected to be fully reimbursed through the TUMF Funds administered by WRCOG and MARA funds administered by RCTC. Both grants will provide funding totaling \$33,500,000 which will include design, construction, environmental monitoring, utilities relocation and environmental permitting.

An appropriation from Measure A Fund in the amount of \$381,900 to Account No. 101-4900-431.93-16 is necessary to fund Environmental Monitoring Services for the Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project. City staff will submit monthly reimbursement invoices to RCTC and WRCOG.

This cost was included in the staff presentation for the Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project

construction award presentation on January 13, 2026 on the funding plan slide.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Resolution 2026-18 and provide alternative direction to staff.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution_2026-18.docx](#)
2. [TUMF Reimbursement Agreement - Amendment No. 2.pdf](#)
3. [MARA_Grant_Agreement.docx](#)
4. [Resolution No. 2020-048.pdf](#)
5. [Resolution No. 2020-097.pdf](#)
6. [Resolution No. 2023-174.pdf](#)
7. [UltraSystems_Price_Proposal.pdf](#)