



CITY OF CORONADO

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Authorize the City Manager to Award Contracts and Change Orders for the Construction of the Coronado Cays Park Dog Park Fencing Project in the Amount of \$142,999

RECOMMENDATION

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Class 1 of the state CEQA Guidelines section 15301, Existing Facilities and Class 3 section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures;
2. Reject bid and bid protest by Sitka Construction Group;
3. Authorize City Manager to Award a Contract to A.B. Hashmi, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for \$142,999 for the Construction of the Cays Dog Park Fencing Project (Contract No. 26-CO-EN-1111); and
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute Change Orders within the project budget.

BACKGROUND

The Cays Dog Park Fence project was approved by City Council to create a separation between dog park users and other types of users in the park, to enhance public safety, and to improve the experience for general park users.

At the July 15, 2025, Council meeting, City Council provided staff direction to install a green decorative fence roughly 42-inches-tall “matching the height of the back wall” along the perimeter of the Cays Dog Park, including secured entrances for access.

In consultation with City staff responsible for park maintenance as well as staff from the Recreation and Golf Services Department, the design of the fence was completed in-house (Attachment 1). The final design includes over 1,000 linear feet of 47-1/4-inch-tall green decorative fencing, a concrete mowing strip in-line with the fence, relocation of the existing irrigation system as-needed to allow for the fence to be properly installed, three gated points of access for dog park users, and a maintenance gate for maintenance crews to access the area with mowing equipment.

ANALYSIS

The project was advertised on January 22, 2026, via Planet Bids. Bids were publicly received and “opened” on-line through Planet Bids on February 12, 2026, with the following results:

Bidder	Base Project Bid
Sitka Construction Group	\$135,000
A. B. Hashmi, Inc.	\$142,999
Palm Engineering Construction Company, Inc.	\$153,081
Asad Holdings LLC dba OrangeBlue General Contractor	\$159,850
RAC Construction & Engineering, Inc.	\$165,000
Western Rim Constructors, Inc.	\$173,610
Dash Construction Company, Inc.	\$179,290
Tri-Group Construction and Development, Inc.	\$184,760
Jennette Company, Inc.	\$199,780

Holder General Engineering LLC	\$199,842
J&A Fence Engineering Corporation	\$291,260

Staff reviewed the bid package, insurance, and bonding for Sitka Construction Group, the apparent lowest bidder. Form A-3 “Subcontractor List” of the bid package requires bidders to identify subcontractors to be employed on the project; bidders are required to self-perform contract work amounting to at least 50 percent of the contract price. However, Sitka’s Form A-3 listed three subcontractors with a total value of work of \$78,000 – more than 50 percent of the value of the proposed contract price. As a result, Sitka Construction Group is found non-responsive as having not met the project requirements and it is recommended that Sitka’s bid be rejected. The City notified Sitka Construction Group of this finding in a Notice of Intent to Reject Bid letter sent March 4, 2026 and also informed them of the City’s intent to recommend award of the contract to the next lowest bidder at the March 17, 2026 Council meeting.

The City received a bid protest from Sitka Construction Group (Attachment 3) on March 8, 2026. Upon review of the bid protest, staff maintains the bidder's claim of inaccessibility of materials to respond to the bid is without merit. The Greenbook is a widely recognized, 60-year-old specification manual for public works contracts used by over 200 public agencies across the western United States. Further, the City's bid documents expressly referenced the 50 percent self-performance requirement, leaving no basis for a claim of insufficient notice or the need for additional research. Staff recommends the City Council reject Sitka Construction Group’s bid protest.

Considering the above, and in compliance with the project specifications, the next lowest bid, submitted by A.B. Hashmi, Inc., was reviewed. In accordance with the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, based upon bid results A.B. Hashmi, Inc. is found to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Public contracting laws require the City to award the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in this case, A.B. Hashmi, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT

This project was added to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) through a mid-year appropriation with an allocation \$260,000 from the General Fund (40070000-98987-26004) for design and construction of the project.

To date, \$70,892 has been spent or encumbered for the procurement of fencing and gate materials that will be provided to contractor for installation. If the recommended construction contract is awarded, the project budget is estimated to have a remaining available budget of \$24,109.

Project Budget	
Capital Improvement Program Project Budget	\$260,000
Total Remaining Budget	\$189,107.94
	(\$142,999)
Project Contingency (~15%)	(\$22,000)

ALTERNATIVE

The Council may elect to reject all bids and provide alternate direction.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Categorically exempt from environmental review under Class 1 of the state CEQA Guidelines section 15301, Existing Facilities and Class 3 section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

PUBLIC NOTICE

No public notice is required for this item.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Dog Park Fencing Plans
2. Contract with A.B. Hashmi, Inc.
3. Bid Protest Letter from Sitka Construction Group

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