



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

Approved by: Johnathan O. Skinner, Director of Community Services

Date: April 27, 2021

Subject: Golden State Bait Purchase Contract – Wiper Fish Purchase

Recommendation

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an Contract for fish stocking services provided by Golden State Bait in not to exceed the amount of \$30,000.00.

Background

Each year the City of Lake Elsinore stocks Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and Black Crappie. The fish stockings help to balance the ecology of the lake and encourage recreational sport fishing.

Discussion

The City has continued the process of identifying a single fish supplier that can meet the approved species needs for Lake Elsinore. As a result, City staff reached out to several vendors regarding their ability to supply services. Golden State Bait, Inc. has agreed to meet the requested fish stocking supply services. Golden State Bait, Inc. has been a supplier of fish to Lake Elsinore for the past six years and the quality of the fish has been well received by the angler population. Also, Golden State Bait, Inc., in conjunction with the City of Lake Elsinore and the California State Department of Fish and Wildlife, has received approval to once again restock Lake Elsinore with a Hybrid Wiper fish, popular from 2005-13 and have not been available in California since 2005. The Wiper fish requires a special permit and Golden State Bait is the only company in California that possesses the state-approved permit.

Fiscal Impact

The purchase shall not exceed \$30,000 and is budgeted in the FY20-21 Annual Operating Budget Recreation Department.

Exhibits

A – Golden State Bait – Fish Stocking Identification

B – Golden State Bait – Short Form Purchase Contract