

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** October 25, 2023

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion and potential approval of an agreement with Dig Studio, Professional Consultant, to provide a cohesive plan of the Truckee River corridor and adjacent land within unincorporated Washoe County and the City of Reno from the California state line to the border of Sparks, NV in the amount of \$329,627 in State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act on May 19, 2021.

**From:** Amy Pennington, Special Projects and Outreach Coordinator

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### **Summary:**

On March 8, 2023, Council approved \$3 million of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act to invest in the Truckee River Experience. On July 12, 2023, the City and County released the [Truckee River Plan RFQ](#) for a consultant to develop a cohesive plan for the Truckee River. The scope includes land use and design, micromobility and connectivity, parks and open space, and safety and sustainability.

The panel recommends Dig Studio as the selected Professional Consultant to provide a cohesive plan of the Truckee River corridor and adjacent land within unincorporated Washoe County and the City of Reno from the California state line to the border of Sparks, NV, and ask Council to approve a contract in the amount of \$329,627 in State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act on May 19, 2021.

Dig Studio scored highest in the evaluation of their written proposal and interview due to their demonstration of clear understanding of the scope, comprehensive strategies, aggressive outreach plan, familiarity with the river corridor, and desire to provide a high level vision.

### **Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Economic and Community Development Arts,  
Parks, and Historical Resources  
Public Safety

### **Previous Council Action:**

March 8, 2023 – Council approved the allocation of the remaining \$28,150,044.97 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act on May 19, 2021,

including possible allocation to specific projects identified through the public, Council, and staff engagement process or general spending categories identified by Council as a priority for fund allocation by December 31, 2024.

**Background:**

The purpose of the plan is to conduct an analysis of the Truckee River corridor and adjacent land within unincorporated Washoe County and City of Reno from the California state line to the border of Sparks, and develop an implementation and financing plan to guide current and future investment. In addition to working with City of Reno staff, the consultant will work with the public and stakeholders to identify a unified vision and provide recommendations and a phased implementation plan.

**Discussion:**

Sealed proposals were due to City of Reno by August 25, 2023. A selection panel assembled by Washoe County and the City of Reno evaluated the proposals and interviewed the finalists:

- Design Workshop
- Dig Studio
- Stantec SWA
- SWA
- Wood Rodgers

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**Financial Implications:**

Funding for the consultant agreement will come from the Council approved \$3,000,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to begin implementation of investment in the Truckee River Experience.

Washoe County will be reimbursing the City of Reno in the amount of \$100,000. An interlocal agreement will be brought to Council next month.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the agreement with Dig Studio to provide a cohesive plan of the Truckee River corridor and adjacent land within unincorporated Washoe

County and the City of Reno from the California state line to the border of Sparks, NV, in the amount of \$329,627 in State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act on May 19, 2021.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve the agreement with Dig Studio to provide a cohesive plan of the Truckee River corridor and adjacent land within unincorporated Washoe County and the City of Reno from the California state line to the border of Sparks, NV, in the amount of \$329,627 in State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act on May 19, 2021.

**Attachments:**

Truckee River Plan RFQ

Agreement with DIG for Truckee River Plan (002)

