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Tess, Marica & Isaac,

I am confused regarding a couple of items in the disbursements list.

First, we paid A LOT for the legal review for the Oak & Harold intersection issue. Is that money we recovered as part of the settlement or are we on the hook for it? If we are on the hook, I want to point out that we wouldn't have had this issue had PW management not directed the project to proceed over the protest of others who highlighted the issues before the defective work was undertaken. We spent all that money because of really questionable decision-making.

Second, there are some weird line items in Department 6135, Fire Station Roof, found on page 35. There are several line items for an Environmental Impact Report but I don't think we did an EIR for the fire station roof--it would have been really weird if we prepared an EIR for an obviously exempt roof replacement project. Are these line items for something else entirely and were mis-classified? What project had an EIR that we have been paying for in this last reporting period because there weren't any that we circulated for public review (e.g., no EIR or any CEQA review for the Bainbridge Park project as highlighted by recent community comments)? I can't recall us awarding any environmental review contracts either.

There is another entry in that department for the reservoir project, which will definitely need an EIR so maybe the Department Name is just wrong. That said, I can't recall us awarding a contract for an EIR for the reservoir project. Did we? I would have liked to understand our options before we proceeded with that because there is no way it is going to be under the CM's signature authority. I would expect an EIR for a project like that to cost several hundred thousand dollars and we will need to select the best firm possible because I predict that there will be significant community concern due to the endangered pygmy forest on site. If we don't have an incredibly solid EIR, there is a very high likelihood of a CEQA lawsuit because I know there are already people very concerned about that project. Honestly, we should already have Teresa Scholars on retainer as a project consultant. She will be the main community voice people look to for guidance on what is and what is not possible at that site, not Rincon.

Regards,

--Jacob