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## Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 19

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN FILTER SYSTEMS, INC., Austin, Texas for Los Indios Trail Culvert Upgrade and Channel Improvements project in the amount of \$343,185 plus a \$17,159 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$360,344.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of five bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 8.77% MBE and 5.24% WBE subcontractor participation.

The Los Indios subdivision and the Los Indios Trail roadway are located in northwest Austin in the Rattan Creek watershed. The preliminary engineering report indicates the Los Indios Trail roadway is overtopped by Rattan Creek during the 10-year and greater return period storm events. According to the engineering reports, 29 homes in the vicinity of Los Indios Trail are at risk of flooding from the 100-year storm event.

The recommended improvements consist of increasing the number of box culverts at the Los Indios Trail crossing to reduce the potential for overtopping the bridge during flood events.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-of-way, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 150 calendar days for substantial completion of this project.