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David Hayes  
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SUBJECT: Grant Agreement No. 13-009

Dear David:

I write to both update you on the design and construction of the coastal meander trail at UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and to formally request a supplement to the original grant amount from the Coastal Conservancy.

As you know, Scripps revised its original plans to reduce costs and went through a public bidding process. We received 3 bids—all were close to each other, but the lowest bid came from Western Rim Constructors at a cost of \$350,000. Including soft costs, the price for this project will be ~\$600K. We have verified that this is the best and lowest that we can go; however, the ~\$600K is still well over the original project budget of \$350K.

The escalated project cost is due to several factors, primarily:

- Even after modifying the design (for less grading, fewer concrete pier supports, and lower retaining walls), the steep slope and soil condition dictate that deep-drilled piers are required instead of the less expensive diamond piers originally envisioned.
- Engaging civil and structural engineers was required for the revision of the plans (per above), and these costs added to the consultant's fee.
- Fall protection measures are required for the safety of the trail's users.
- The site's terrain and access pose challenges during the construction of the trail.

As a result of these escalating costs, Scripps respectfully requests that the Coastal Conservancy consider increasing its commitment to \$350K, with the UC San Diego/Scripps share increasing to \$250K. With the approval of these new cost-share amounts by the Conservancy and UC San Diego, Scripps can move forward with construction to begin in early September and completion by the end of November.

Your consideration for our budget augmentation request is much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Bic Pham-Le Cory  
Sr. Admin. Analyst

cc: Ken Hall, UCSD Scripps Administration

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