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**Memorandum**

To: Vail Town Council  
From: Department of Public Works  
Date: May 4, 2021  
Subject: Gore Creek Planting Projects 2021 – Contract Approval

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this item is to request that the Town Council approve the contract for the installation of the Gore Creek Planting Projects 2021.

**II. BACKGROUND**

As part of the efforts to improve water quality in Gore Creek, the town has installed native plantings along the stream bank each of the last five years. Approximately 15,000 native trees, shrubs and forbs have been installed to provide habitat and shade, to reduce erosion and to disrupt pollution pathways to the creek. The proposed work in 2021 will install an additional 3,000 plants as well as improved drip irrigation to increase the success rates along some project sections.

**III. BUDGET**

The 2021 budget for Gore Creek planting work is \$200,000. The proposed installation cost for this contract is \$51,243. The plants have been pre-purchased by the town from several sources including the Colorado State Forest Service.

**IV. SCHEDULE**

Plants will be installed in two planting windows. Upland plants will be installed during late May and early June. Plants directly along the creek (willows, sedges, etc) will be installed after runoff subsides during late July.

**V. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Town Manager to enter a contract with SHC Nursery and Landscape Company for the Gore Creek Riparian Planting Projects 2021 project.

**VI. ACTION REQUESTED BY COUNCIL**

Staff requests that the Council authorize the Town Manager to enter a contract with SHC Nursery and Landscape Company for the Gore Creek Riparian Planting Projects 2021 project in an amount not to exceed \$51,250.