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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Hillary Gitelman - Director
Conservation, Development & Planning

REPORT BY: Hillary Gitelman, Director - 253-4805

SUBJECT: Groundwater Monitoring

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign the following related to groundwater compliance and monitoring:

1. A funding agreement with the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the purpose of engaging technical assistance for the County's groundwater monitoring program; and
2. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 7219 with Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers increasing the amount by \$34,000 for a new maximum of \$305,194, extending the term and amending the scope of work to include: assisting with preparation of the Countywide CASGEM Plan; updating the groundwater Data Management System and preparing and attending presentations for the County's Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) is under contract with the County to study groundwater resources and develop a monitoring program, as called for in the General Plan Update adopted in 2008. This amendment to Napa County Agreement No. 7219 is needed to fund additional work, including preparation of the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Plan, to update the County's Data Management System, and to provide presentations and guidance to the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee.

Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's JZP-96-1 assessment is collected, in part, to assist the County with its groundwater monitoring, data management and reporting requirements, and will fund the majority of the work through a funding agreement with the County. The balance of the contract will be paid with General Plan funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	A grant will be provided by the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's assessment funds allocated for groundwater resources monitoring, with a small portion of the contract to be paid with General Plan funds.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The County must meet State of California requirements for developing and implementing a groundwater monitoring plan. The technical assistance provided by Ludhorff & Scalmanini is crucial to this effort.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None
Consequences if not approved:	Without the technical assistance authorized by this contract amendment, it will be difficult for the County to meet its groundwater monitoring requirements as required by the State.
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On May 12, 2009 the Board authorized an agreement with Ludhorff and Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers (LSCE) to develop a comprehensive groundwater monitoring program consistent with action items included in the Conservation Element of the General Plan and the Board's strategic objectives. On January 11, 2011, the Board authorized a first amendment to the contract in order to provide a public presentation of the recommended groundwater monitoring program, and to provide assistance on appeals.

The County is in need of further technical assistance in order to assist with preparation of the County's California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Plan, develop its groundwater Data Management System, and to provide presentation and guidance to the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee.

The majority of the costs associated with this amendment will be paid by a grant from the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's JZP-96-1 assessment, as outlined in the Funding Agreement, with the balance paid with General Plan funds.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan