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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Gitelman, Hillary - Director  
Conservation, Development & Planning  
**REPORT BY:** Barbette Ruffino, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ASSISTANT, 299-1330  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment #2 to Contract with Seifel Consulting, Inc.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6656 with Seifel Consulting Inc. increasing the amount by \$25,000 for a new maximum of \$69,290 for consulting services related to preparation of reports pursuant to Section 9111 of the Elections Code as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The County has retained Seifel Consulting Inc. to monitor the City's proposed redevelopment plan for the Soscol Corridor, and has used them in the past to prepare an analysis of the Fair Payment initiative pursuant to Section 9111 of the Elections Code. On January 8, 2008, the Board of Supervisors requested that an outside consultant prepare an analysis of the Responsible Growth Initiative pursuant to Section 9111 of the Elections Code. This contract amendment would allow Seifel Consulting to undertake the requested analysis and to be "on call" for future 9111 reports.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	The cost of the proposed contract amendment can be accommodated by the existing department budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The Board of Supervisors has requested the preparation of a report in regards to Section 9111 of the Elections Code and has further stipulated that this

report be prepared by an outside consultant.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: None

Consequences if not approved: County staff would have to prepare the requested analysis in house, or would have to contract with another consultant in the limited time available.

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**

The County has retained Seifel Consulting Inc. (Seifel) to monitor the City's proposed redevelopment plan for the Soscol Corridor, and has used them in the past to prepare an analysis of the Fair Payment initiative pursuant to Section 9111 of the Elections Code. The Board has requested that staff contract with an independent consultant to complete 9111 report regarding the "Napa County Responsible Growth Initiative." Based on Seifel's qualifications and the County's past experience with them in connection with the foregoing, staff is recommending that they be used for this analysis. The 9111 report and analysis will cover the following issues regarding the initiative:

- | Fiscal impacts of the initiative, including potential costs of litigation if the initiative is approved by the voters and then challenged in court.
- | The effect of the initiative on the internal consistency of the County's general plan, and its relationship to the proposed general plan update.
- | The effect of the initiative on the use of land, the impact of on the availability and location of housing, and the ability of the county to meet its regional housing needs.
- | The impact on the initiative on the uses of vacant parcels of land.
- | Legal issues associated with the initiative, including the potential for it to be successfully challenged.

The report will be presented to the Board for their consideration on February 5, 2008.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi