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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director  
Public Works  
**REPORT BY:** Richard Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, (707)259-8657  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Agreement with California Land Stewardship Institute for Napa River Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Plan, Oakville Cross Road to Oak Knoll Avenue

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with the California Land Stewardship Institute for a maximum of \$190,000 of Measure A funding for the term December 12, 2006 through September 30, 2008 to be used as a local match for preparation of a conceptual design for restoration of the Napa River between Oakville Cross Road and Oak Knoll Avenue.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The proposed Napa River Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Plan (Oakville to Oak Knoll Project Plan) is being facilitated by the California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI), a non-profit organization. CLSI is also leading the Fish Friendly Farming Environmental Certification Program in Napa County. CLSI requested \$190,000 of County Measure A funding as the local match for a planning grant submitted by CLSI to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The \$500,000 SWRCB grant was approved for funding by the SWRCB on October 11, 2006. The Board approved funding this project and directed staff to prepare an agreement on October 24, 2006. The existing Measure A Funding Agreement between the County and the Flood Authority was amended to include funding for this project on December 5, 2006.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Works
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	Section 8(e) of the Measure A Ordinance specifies agricultural watershed and stormwater runoff management improvement projects as one of the authorized uses of Measure A in the County unincorporated area.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	<p>This project would be completed over multiple years. The initial contract funds the conceptual design using \$190,000 in Measure A funds, matching a grant of \$500,000 from the SWRCB. The conceptual design will be performed during fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08. Future requests for Measure A funding to complete design work and construct the project are expected. Based on prior Board direction for similar projects, the proponents of this project will also need to bring funding to the project from other sources such as SWRCB or other agencies for future project phases. No formal cost estimates have been generated to date for the total cost of the project, but based on similar efforts on the Rutherford reach of the River, the total cost of the project may be approximately \$10 million. The total level of funding for this project would ultimately be at the discretion of the Board and would need to consider the schedule for expenditures for other projects that are also seeking Measure A funds.</p> <p>At present, excluding the area-specific revenues that are designated for Angwin/Deer Park and Berryessa Watershed, approximately \$19 million of Measure A revenues are expected to be generated over the life of the tax, which may be used for projects such as this in the County unincorporated area. To date, the Board has committed approximately \$3.4 million on existing projects.</p>
Consequences if not approved:	If not approved, CLSI may not be able to access the awarded grant funds from the SWRCB, as a source of local match funds would not be available.
Additional Information:	None

## **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 Napa River Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Plan (Oakville to Oak Knoll Project Plan) is modeled from, and essentially is a downstream continuation of the efforts begun on the Rutherford Reach of the Napa River by the Rutherford Dust Society.

The project is consistent with the requirements for use of Measure A funds as:

- | the project is located in a predominately agricultural watershed area in the unincorporated area of the County; and
- | incorporates storm water runoff improvements; and
- | will play a key role in future TMDL implementation efforts

The Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board recommended approval of the project on September 28, 2006.

At this time, \$190,000 of County Measure A funding is being requested by CLSI for the local match to fund 3 out of project 10 tasks:

- | Conduct River channel surveys (\$35,000)
- | Landowner Outreach (\$50,000)
- | Hydraulic Modeling (\$105,000)

The remaining tasks of the project will be funded by funds from the SWRCB grant.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey