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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director

Public Works

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SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Measure "A" Subgrant Agreement No 6420 with Napa County

Resource Conservation District

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6420 with Napa County Resource Conservation District to extend the term to December 31, 2007 and increase the subgrant by \$42,000 of Measure A funding for a new maximum of \$312,000, for additional work required to complete the preliminary design of the Rutherford Dust Restoration Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board previously approved a subgrant of \$270,000 for Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) to conduct the preliminary design, environmental documentation, and permitting for the restoration of the Rutherford Reach of the Napa River. During preparation of the preliminary design, RCD, through its consultants, identified additional analysis that is needed to support the project design effort and enable adequate review of the hydraulic effects of the proposed project actions. This will ensure the project is compliant with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and the County Flood Plain Ordinance.

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: The additional funds will be used for analysis not included in the original

agreement with RCD considered necessary to ensure the project is compliant

with FEMA regulations and County Ordinance.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: None

Consequences if not approved: The complete environmental review of the project may not be possible.

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 Rutherford Reach of the Napa River between Zinfandel Lane and the Oakville Cross Road, suffers from accelerated bank erosion. The Rutherford Dust Society (RDS), in collaboration with the RCD and the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood District), retained a consultant to assess existing conditions and produce a conceptual plan for restoration of this stretch of the River. The resulting Conceptual Plan for the Stabilization and Restoration of the Napa River, Rutherford Reach, identifies the existing conditions and likely future evolution of this portion of the River. It also forms the foundation for implementing stabilization and restoration projects while minimizing impacts on adjacent land uses and existing ecological resources.

The Board initially approved a subgrant of \$270,000 to RCD for this project, to develop the Preliminary Design, environmental documentation, and permitting for the restoration of the Rutherford Reach. The subgrant funds were used to match grant funds of \$290,000 that RCD obtained from the Coastal Conservancy. The scope of work for the Preliminary Design and Permitting phase includes the following items:

- Locate and detail bank stabilization methods
- Provide grading plans
- Perform geomorphological, ecological, and hydraulic modeling
- Produce aquatic species habitat and riparian rehabilitation designs
- Produce specific and testable geomorphic and ecological performance criteria
- Provide CEQA and NEPA compliance and all necessary permits
- Provide monitoring and maintenance plan to test pre and post construction performance criteria

During preparation of the Preliminary Design, RCD, through its consultants, identified additional analysis needed to support the project design effort and enable adequate review of the hydraulic effects of the proposed project actions. This additional analysis is estimated to cost \$42,000.

The Preliminary Design is expected to be completed during Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07. The County will use additional Measure A funds to match a \$1,000,000 grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to fund Final Design and a portion of the construction for Reaches 1 and 2 of the 9-reach project. Construction of Reaches 1 and 2 will likely be completed in FY 2007-2008.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey