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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: Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6711 with Maximus

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6711 with Maximus, Inc. increasing the amount by \$30,000 for a new maximum of \$80,000 and amending the Scope of Work to provide enhanced services related to the filing of claims and disputes for the 2005-2006 New Year's Eve and April 2006 Flood events.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County of Napa has filed claims to the State Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to recover costs associated with the response to damages suffered during the storm events of December 31, 2005 and April of 2006. OES and FEMA have rejected many of the County's claims. Public Works has been assembling the documentation and information to appeal these denied claims. Maximus was hired to assist staff with these appeals and claims. This amendment will allow Maximus to continue to assist with assembling the documentation for each claim to ensure that the County recovers the maximum amount of funds expended for storm damage repairs, and to ensure that all related documentation will comply with any future audits.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it currently budgeted? No

What is the revenue source? Roads

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: These services are necessary to assist in disputing the already denied Project

Worksheet costs of approximately \$1.5 million by FEMA/OES. Staff does not

have the expertise to process these disputes.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: The agreement is slated to expire in December of 2007. Unexpended

appropriations will be rebudgeted and reencumbered for Fiscal Year 2007-

2008 as appropriated.

Consequences if not approved: No additional services will be provided. Roads will not recover the maximum

amount possible of funds expended for work done related to the New Years

Eve and subsequent April 2006 flooding events.

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

As a consequence of the flood emergency commencing on December 30, 2005 and continuing to the present date, County roads and property sustained an estimated \$8 million in damages. Utilizing County road crews and local contractors directly after the January storm, expenses totalling \$4 million were incurred. Working with staff from OES and FEMA, 140 sites were inspected and project worksheets detailing the damages were prepared and submitted for funding approval. Many of these claims have been denied by OES and FEMA. On October 17, 2006, the Board approved the original agreement with Maximus to assist the County in navigating the OES/FEMA maze and to respond to these denials. This amendment will allow Maximus to continue to assist with assembling the documentation to ensure that the County recovers the maximum amount claimed for storm damage repair and to assemble and review all documentation in preparation for future audits.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey