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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Director of Public Works  
Public Works

**REPORT BY:** Patrick Lowe, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION MGR - 259-5937

**SUBJECT:** Professional Services/Joint Powers Agreement with Napa County Resource Conservation District

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with the Napa County Resource Conservation District for a maximum of \$10,000 for the term February 3, 2015 through June 30, 2015, with an automatic renewal provision, for development and presentation of groundwater education programs and assistance in seeking grant funding.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This agreement with the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) would support Napa County's groundwater sustainability efforts. This includes the development and presentation of groundwater education programs and materials to help increase the community's understanding of how Napa County's groundwater/watersheds function, assistance in seeking grant funding, and related activities..

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	\$10,000 is currently budgeted for professional services for the Groundwater program within the Public Works operating budget.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

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Discretionary Justification:	This agreement will support Napa County's Groundwater Sustainability efforts and provide grant assistance in support of our groundwater programs.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The proposed contract with the RCD runs through June 30, 2015 and is automatically renewed in subsequent fiscal years unless either the County or RCD issues written notice 30 days in advance of contract termination. In practice, the RCD and the County negotiate a specific scope of work and execute a new agreement on an annual basis, as needed.
Consequences if not approved:	The County would likely have to contract for these services elsewhere in order to support groundwater education/outreach as recommended by the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee and supported by the Board of Supervisors. Grant funding to support local programs may also be reduced.
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 RCD is a special district of the State of California organized as a Resource Conservation District. The RCD's jurisdiction includes the majority of the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County of Napa as well as a small portion of the County of Solano located within the Napa River Delta. The mission of the RCD is the promotion of responsible watershed management through technical assistance to landowners and facilitation of voluntary watershed-based community land stewardship groups to implement sustainable agricultural practices, protect and enhance waterways and water quality, reduce soil erosion, preserve and restore wildlife habitat and foster an informed and knowledgeable community.

The Public Works Department wishes to extend its relationship with the RCD, which also provides support to the WICC Board, to develop and present groundwater sustainability education programs and materials to foster an informed and knowledgeable community, and provide grant application assistance in support of local programs. The addition of groundwater education/outreach was recommended by the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee (GRAC) in their report to the Board of Supervisors in April 2014 and funding was already included in the current fiscal years budget.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan