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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:** Jeremy Sarrow, Watershed/Flood Control Specialist - 259-8204

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Questa Engineering Corp.- Bale Slough Restoration Project Design

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Questa Engineering Corp. for a maximum of \$500,000 for the term of February 4, 2020 through June 30, 2020, with an automatic annual renewal provision not to exceed three (3) additional years, to begin final design, environmental review and permitting for the Bale Slough - Bear Creek Restoration Project.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A grant from the State of California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) in the amount of \$3,000,000 was awarded to Napa County to fund river restoration work associated with the Oakville to Oak Knoll Project (OVOK). Of these grant funds, \$500,000 was awarded to fund final design, environmental review, permitting, and project coordination for the Bale Slough - Bear Creek Restoration Project (Project). Questa Engineering was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to complete the final design and environmental review and to assist with Project coordination.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Works - Fund 3000, Subdivision 3000560, Program 19002-

	Bear Creek Tributary Project. Reimbursement request from the grant will be submitted on a quarterly basis.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Design and permitting services are needed to complete plans and specifications for the project. Secured grant funds will fund these activities.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Design services under this agreement with the County are expected to extend into FY2021. Separate from this agreement, the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will solicit new grant funds to support the future construction of the restoration project. The costs for submitting grant applications and administering awarded grants will be funded by participating landowners through the Oakville to Oak Knoll Community Facilities District which is administered by the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
Consequences if not approved:	Potential loss of revenue from granting agencies for creek restoration work on Bale Slough/Bear Creek.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	
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**

In March of 2018 the County was awarded a \$3,000,000 grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board to fund restoration work along the Napa River, specifically the Oakville to Oak Knoll (OVOK) Restoration Project, and to develop restoration plans for the conceptual Bale Slough - Bear Creek Restoration Project. Both projects are intended to restore and enhance long-term river/creek floodplain function and improve water quality. Task 6 of the grant dedicated \$500,000 to develop final designs, conduct environmental review, and acquire regulatory permits for the Bale Slough - Bear Creek Restoration Project. Bale Slough-Bear Creek is a tributary to the Napa River that supports Steelhead and Chinook salmon populations in the Napa River watershed. It drains the eastern slope of the Mayacamas Mountains and connects to the Napa River near Rutherford. The attached Figure 1 shows the location of the Bale Slough - Bear Creek Project site and planned construction groups.

Questa Engineering was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process in the fall of 2019 to complete the final design and environmental review and to assist with project coordination during calendar years 2020 and 2021; the professional services agreement which is the subject of this item reflects the labor and costs required to complete this work. Final design, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, and permitting is expected to be completed for the Project by the spring of 2021 with construction potentially beginning in the summer of 2021 depending on grants acquired for construction services.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Project Location Overview Map

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leigh Sharp