



Agenda Date: 3/20/2007
Agenda Placement: 6G

NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Gitelman, Hillary - Director
Conservation, Development & Planning
REPORT BY: Mary M Doyle, Principal Planner , 299-1350
SUBJECT: Approval of and authorization for Chairperson to sign Amendment No 4 to Napa County Agreement No. 6184 with EDAW for preparation of a CEQA document associated with Erosion Control Plan Application #02454-ECPA

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 6184 with EDAW, an environmental consulting firm, increasing the amount by \$144,140 for a new maximum of \$496,402 for the term March 20, 2007 through June 30, 2007 for the preparation of the CEQA document for the Rodgers Property Vineyard Project Erosion Control Plan Application #02454. (Assessor's Parcel Nos. 030-220-002, 030-130-008/009, 030-220-001)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This fourth amendment to Napa County Agreement #6184 will allow continued preparation of the California Environmental Quality Act document associated with the Erosion Control Plan Application #02454 and is necessitated in part by extensive comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Costs associated with this contract are borne by the project applicant.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The requested contract amendment will allow for continued processing of an erosion control plan for the subject property. Costs associated with the consultant contract are paid by the County using fees collected from the project applicant. These "pass through" funds are shown as both revenue and expenses in the current fiscal year budget.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: The requested contract amendment is required to complete processing of the applicant's request for an erosion control plan.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: None.

Consequences if not approved: The County will not be able to complete processing of the applicant's request for an erosion control plan.

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

This request for a fourth amendment to Napa County Agreement #6184 allows continuation with the preparation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document associated with Erosion Control Plan Application #02454.

ECP Application #02454 and this contract both focus on a 163-acre vineyard on approximately 678 acres on slopes greater than 5%. The original contract allowed initiation of environmental review pursuant to CEQA, and subsequent amendments have provided the funds to continue the CEQA review process. Because of its visible location adjacent to Silverado Trail, its proximity to Lake Hennesy and the Napa River, and its proposed removal of oak woodlands, the project has been the subject of intense scrutiny, and the County received substantial comments from representatives of Earth Defense for the Environment Now (EDEN) in response to its notice of (EIR) preparation, and its Draft EIR. The work scope of this amendment includes preparation of responses to comments received on the Draft EIR and other tasks necessary to continue the CEQA process. All consultant expenses are paid by the project applicant.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey