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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Morrison - Director
Planning, Building and Environmental Services

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SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 180280B with Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 180280B with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to extend the terms of the agreement to June 30, 2022, with an automatic renewal for no more than two (2) additional years, for the purposes of assisting the County in preparing the environmental document in accordance with CEQA.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In March 2018 the County signed an agreement with ESA to assist in preparing the necessary environmental documents, including an Environmental Impact Report, in accordance with CEQA for the review of an agricultural erosion control plan in connection with a new vineyard project. The project (KJS and Sorrento Investments, Inc) proposes approximately 155.8 gross acres of disturbance with approximately 92.9 net vine acres, located at 3370 Sage Canyon Road, approximately 10 miles east of the City of St. Helena. The applicant reimburses the County for the full cost of the agreement. The original agreement approved in March 2018 had a maximum compensation of \$329,870. This original agreement is set to expire June 30, 2020 and the Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services would like to extend the terms of the agreement for two additional years.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes

Where is it budgeted?	Subdivision 17000-02 CEQA
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement is budgeted for FY 20/21. All County staff costs associated with managing the agreement and the processing of erosion control plan application will be fully reimbursed by the applicant on a time and materials basis as set forth in the fee schedule.
Consequences if not approved:	If the amendment is not approved the required CEQA document and associated review will not be able to be completed and the application will not reach a point that the County can consider potential environmental impacts and mitigation, or action on the application.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
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

On March 20, 2018 the County entered into an agreement with ESA to assist with review of an Agricultural Erosion Control Plan (ECPA) application and prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to CEQA for the proposed vineyard project. This agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2020, and the EIR has not yet been completed. In order to complete the EIR so that staff can continue CEQA processing and review of the proposed ECPA for the KJS/Sorrento vineyard project, the Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services would like to extend the terms of the original agreement for two (2) fiscal years.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi