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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Hillary Gitelman - Director  
Conservation, Development & Planning  
**REPORT BY:** Carly Aubrey, Planner III, 265-2325  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign an agreement with AES for environmental review of an erosion control plan application for the Circle S Ranch vineyard project

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Analytical Environmental Services (AES) for a maximum of \$324,795 for the term March 27, 2007 through June 30, 2007 for purposes of assisting the County in conducting environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of an erosion control plan application (P06-01508-ECPA) for the Circle S Ranch vineyard project.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Circle S Ranch LLC has applied to the Conservation, Development and Planning Department for approval of erosion control plan (P06-0158-ECPA) for earthmoving activities in connection with a new 337 acre vineyard located off Atlas Peak Road in Napa County. This agreement will allow the County to retain AES, an environmental consulting firm, for purposes of assisting the County in preparing an environmental document in accordance with CEQA. The applicant has requested that the County enter into this agreement and retain AES. The applicant will reimburse the County for the full cost of this agreement.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Conservation, Development & Planning 100%. This is a pass through and the applicant is responsible for the cost of the consultant agreement.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory

Is the general fund affected? No  
Future fiscal impact: None.  
Consequences if not approved: The processing of the erosion control plan for a new 337 acre vineyard located on a 1,593 acre parcel will not be processed.

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 applicant, Circle S Ranch LLC, has applied for an erosion control plan (#P06-01508-ECPA) for earthmoving activities on slopes greater than 5% associated with the installation of a new 311 acre vineyard located off Atlas Peak Road in Napa County. The applicant has requested that the County retain AES to assist the County in preparing an environmental document in accordance with CEQA. The applicant will reimburse the County for the full costs of retaining AES to assist with the project.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey