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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Hillary Gitelman - Director
Conservation, Development & Planning
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SUBJECT: Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 6706 with Questa Engineering for Napa River/Bay Trail Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6706 with Questa Engineering increasing the amount by \$8,050 for a new maximum of \$80,000 and extending the term of the agreement through August 31, 2007 to investigate the feasibility of a Bay Trail link between the cities of American Canyon and Napa.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed extension and contract amount are necessary to answer new questions which arose during the course of the feasibility study. As amended the contract will still be within the originally approved budget for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Conservation, Development & Planning
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Even with the amendment and expanded scope the study will still be within the originally approved budget. The extension of time and the increase in amount of the Professional Services Agreement is needed to complete a few small but important tasks whose need became apparent during the course of the study. The sources of funding for the study include a \$75,000 grant provided

by the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, and \$5,000 in County matching funds.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: None.

Consequences if not approved: There will be a few serious gaps in the feasibility study.

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 September 19, 2006 the Association of Bay Area Governments Bay Trail Project approved a \$75,000 grant to Napa County to investigate the feasibility of a Bay Trail link between the cities of American Canyon and Napa along or near the eastern shore of the Napa River. On October 10, 2006 the Board of Supervisors approved Professional Services Agreement No. 6706 with Questa Engineering to assist with this investigation. Information collected during the course of the study indicated the need for two minor amendments to the agreement. First, one component of the necessary biological field study had to be delayed to midsummer to coincide with the blooming season of a potentially present endangered plant, which means the agreement needs to be extended until August 31st. Second, a small amount of additional design work not included in the original scope is needed to complete the feasibility review process. Fortunately, the original bid price for the work was only \$71,950, compared to the originally approved \$80,000 budget for the study. The additional work can be completed within the difference of \$8,050.

The grant for this project was obtained and the feasibility study was initiated prior to the formation of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, and so both are being managed by the County. An administrative draft of the feasibility study has been prepared and reviewed by staff, and a completed final study is expected within a few weeks after approval of this contract amendment. Future design, permitting and implementation for this project is expected to be initiated and managed by the District.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi