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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cathy Gruenhagen for Hillary Gitelman - Director
Conservation, Development & Planning
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SUBJECT: 1) Termination of an agreement with ESA for preparation of a joint EIR for Saintsbury/Hudson projects, 2) sign a new agreement with ESA for the Hudson project individually.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning requests the following:

1. Termination of Agreement No. 6149 with Environmental Science Associates (ESA), for preparation of a combined/joint Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Saintsbury Vineyards (#01259-ECPA) and Hudson Vineyards (#99376-ECPA & #03376-ECPA) Erosion Control Plans and vineyard projects; and
2. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with ESA for a maximum of \$132,307 for the term August 23, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for preparation of an EIR for the Hudson Vineyards (#99376-ECPA & #03376-ECPA) Erosion Control Plan project only.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 14, 2003, the County entered into Agreement No. 6149 with ESA for the preparation of a joint EIR for the Saintsbury Vineyards (#01259-ECPA) and Hudson Vineyards (#99376 & #03-376) Erosion Control Plan projects located in the Carneros Creek Watershed. Hudson and Saintsbury now desire to pursue individual EIRs rather than a combined/joint EIR for their vineyard projects. As a result, Hudson/Saintsbury have requested that the County terminate Agreement No. 6149 and enter into new separate agreements with ESA for completion of the EIRs for their individual projects.

Hudson, which will reimburse the County for the full cost of the agreement to prepare its EIR, is requesting approval of an agreement with ESA at this time. Saintsbury, which will also reimburse the County for the full cost of the agreement for its EIR, will seek approval for an agreement with ESA at later date, most likely in September 2005.

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?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the recommended action is considered necessary for completion of the CEQA document associated with Erosion Control Plan Application #99376 & 03-376-ECPA
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None
Consequences if not approved:	The processing of the 2 erosion control plans for new vineyard development will not be approved.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The County entered into a contract with ESA for preparation of a joint EIR for the Saintsbury Vineyards and Hudson Vineyards Erosion Control Plan projects. Hudson and Saintsbury now desire to pursue individual EIRs rather than a combined/joint EIR for their vineyard projects. Hudson/Saintsbury have requested that the County terminate Agreement No. 6149 and enter into new separate contracts with ESA for completion of the EIR for their individual projects.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Andrew Carey