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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
REPORT BY: Cathy Gruenhagen, Staff Service Analyst II, 253-4425
SUBJECT: Sign a new contract with ESA for preparation of an EIR for the Saintsbury project.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for a maximum of \$111,000 for the term September 13, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for preparation of an EIR for the Saintsbury Vineyards (#01259-ECPA) Erosion Control Plan project.

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 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. The joint agreement was terminated and Hudson's agreement was approved by this Board on August 23, 2005. Saintsbury, which will reimburse the County for the full cost of the agreement to prepare its EIR, is requesting approval of a new separate agreement with ESA at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| 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 erosion control plan 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

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson