



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: June 24, 2025
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director:
Contact Info: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director of Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Forde Biological Consultants for East Mountain Drive Low Water Crossing Replacement Project; County Project No. 862357; Federal-Aid Project No. BRLO-NBIL (526); First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Second Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Forde Biological Consultants, previously identified as Purchase Order No. CN9035 and amended in Purchase Order No. CO11090 for CN9035, for the East Mountain Drive Low Water Crossing (LWC) Replacement Project, County Project No. 862357, Federal-Aid Project No. BRLO-NBIL (526), clarifying and consolidating the terms of the Agreement and increasing the cost by \$3,985.00 for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$203,985.00 with a termination date of June 30, 2025; and
- b) Determine the above actions are not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because it consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to amend the existing professional environmental services contract with Forde Biological Consultants (FBC) for biological monitoring services for the East Mountain Drive LWC Replacement Project. The project experienced unforeseen delays caused by weather conditions, supply procurement issues, and a bid protest related to the construction contract, increasing the total

time period of monitoring required. With the approval of this Amendment, the County will finalize the environmental construction biological surveying and monitoring phase of the project.

Background:

The East Mountain Drive Low Water Crossing Replacement Project, funded by the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Bridge Program, aims to enhance safety for both public and emergency access along East Mountain Drive in Montecito, CA. Following a competitive public bidding process, the County approved the Agreement with FBC on July 3, 2024, by Purchase Order No. CN9035, to provide qualified biological services in accordance with California Department of Fish & Wildlife permit requirements during the construction of the Project. The original Agreement was for \$154,163.90. Due to Project delays, additional monitoring services were needed. On April 9, 2025, a change order increased the total Agreement amount to \$200,000. Public Works now seeks to increase this total Agreement amount by \$3,985.00, which requires your Board's approval. This Second Amendment will also consolidate and clarify the terms and conditions of the County's Agreement with FBC in one document.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>
Federal: Highway Bridge Program (HBP)	
	\$ 203,985.00
Total	\$ 203,985.00

Narrative:

The total cost for this contract is \$203,985. The contract is 100% funded with the Highway Bridge Program (HBP-FHWA) and has a total not to exceed amount of \$203,985. The contract is budgeted for FY2024- 25 in Department 054, Fund 0017, Organization Unit 0600, Program 2820, and Account 7460.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following items to Valerie Selvaggio in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA, a certified, stamped Minute Order, one original executed contract (one original contract to remain on file with the Clerk of the Board).

Attachments:

Attachment A: Second Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with FBC
Attachment B: Original Professional Services Agreement with FBC (Purchase Order No. CN9035)
Attachment C: First Amendment/Change Order to the Professional Services Agreement with FBC (Purchase Order No. CO11090 for CN9035)

Authored by:

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