



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

October 1, 2024

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 24-00983

RE: Consider recommendations regarding an Agreement for Services with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) and California Energy Commission (CEC) Grant, as follows:

a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of the Planning and Development Department, or designee, (1) to accept grant funds from the California Clean Energy Planning Program (CCEPP) by and through the CEC as part of the County's Utility-Scale Solar Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Amendments, for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 in the amount of \$100,000.00, (2) to execute a grant agreement upon review and approval of Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, and Risk Management, and (3) to make any certifications and assurances that may be required by the grant agreement;

b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with ESA to provide professional services in the preparation of Utility-Scale Solar Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Amendments to allow utility-scale solar development, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, for the period of September 12, 2024, to June 30, 2026, with a base amount not to exceed \$488,335.00. This Agreement converts a Purchase Order to a Board Contract and increases funding by \$352,836.00, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$502,985.00, inclusive of \$150,149.00 under Purchase Order CN6619 (as previously amended by CO7809), but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN6619, as previously amended;

c) Authorize the Planning and Development Department Director, or the Planning and Development Director's designee, to:

i) Approve up to a 3 percent contingency cost not to exceed \$14,650.00 for services being performed under the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor, for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$502,985.00;

ii) Approve changes or additions in the services being performed under the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor, provided the Agreement does not exceed the base amount plus the 3 percent contingency identified in the Agreement; and

iii) Make immaterial changes in accordance with Section 35 of the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor; and



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d) Determine that the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor and the Board of Supervisors' actions are not a project and, therefore, are exempt from the CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5).

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Adopted;

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b) Approved, ratified and authorized; Chair to execute;

c) i) through iii) Authorized; and

d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino