



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

October 21, 2025

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

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00913

RE: Consider recommendations regarding a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for Utility Scale Solar Amendments Project, as follows:
(4/5 Vote Required)

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. BC24216 with ESA to provide professional services in the preparation of Utility-Scale Solar Amendments, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, to modify the scope of work to include two additional sections to the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adjusting the total contract amount by \$49,151.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$552,136.00; and

b) Determine that the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor and the Board of Supervisors' actions are not a project and, therefore, are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

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

a) Approved, authorized; Chair to execute; and directed staff to include in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scope an evaluation of potential groundwater contamination resulting from a battery fire, along with possible mitigation measures; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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