



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

February 4, 2025

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

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00074

**RE:** Consider recommendations regarding the execution of an Agreement for Services with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to peer review issue area studies and prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Solomon Hills Project, Fourth District, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to peer review issue area studies and prepare an EIR for the Solomon Hills Project, for a base amount of \$998,473.00 and a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,148,244.00 from February 4, 2025 through February 3, 2028;

b) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0010252 to increase services and supplies appropriations by \$375,000.00 and recognize an additional \$375,000.00 in charges for services revenue to cover the cost of the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for Fiscal Year 2024-2025;

c) Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development, or designee, to:

i) Approve up to a 15 percent contingency cost not to exceed \$149,771.00 for services being performed under the Agreement for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,148,244.00;

ii) Approve changes or additions in the services being performed, provided the contract does not exceed the base contract amount plus the 15 percent contingency identified in the contract; and

iii) Make immaterial changes in accordance with Section 35 and suspend performance per Exhibit A in the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor; and

d) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a "Project" that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), finding that the actions consist of organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.



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

- a) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;
- b) Approved;
- c) i) through iii) Approved and authorized; and
- d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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