




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 057  
**For Agenda Of:** March 18, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors   
**FROM:** Department Jesús Armas, Community Services Director, (805) 568-2467  
Director:  
Contact Info: Jill Van Wie, Capital Program Manager, (805) 568-2470  
**SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement with Storrer Environmental Services, LLC for a  
Habitat Restoration Plan for the Solomon Hills Recreational Trail System;  
4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: N/A**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the professional services agreement with Storrer Environmental Services, LLC (Storrer) to provide a habitat conservation plan for a recreational trail system in the Solomon Hills south of Orcutt (APN 101-020-076), in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 (Attachment A); and
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); which states that the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

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**Summary Text:**

The attached professional services agreement allows Storrer to provide a habitat conservation plan for a 96-acre County owned parcel located in the Solomon Hills south of Orcutt informally known as the Bonney parcel (APN 101-020-076). The 96-acre parcel was purchased by the County to provide a trail system for public recreational purposes. A six-mile trail system is planned on the Bonney parcel that will connect with the Orcutt Hills trail system and other trails in the Orcutt community. When combined with existing County contracts, this contract of \$25,000 will exceed \$200,000 County-wide for Storrer.

**Background:**

In 2020 the County purchased a 96-acre parcel (APN 101-020-076) located south of Orcutt in the Solomon Hills from a private landowner with the intent of creating a trail system for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians for the general public. Before trails can be constructed and/or existing informal trails deemed official, environmental review is necessary. A preliminary biological assessment determined sensitive resources in the project area, and a habitat conservation plan must be created to avoid and/or mitigate significant biological environmental impacts. Approval of this Board action would allow Storrer to prepare a habitat conservation plan and coordinate review with applicable state and federal agencies.

**Risk:**

The agreement applies County standard independent contractor terms and conditions in accordance with State of California laws and regulations. The risk mitigation includes insurance coverage appropriate for the level of risk involved as determined by Community Services in conjunction with the County Risk Manager, and the agreement indemnifies County agents, officers and employees from all claims that arise from activities performed under the agreement.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The total cost of the Bonney property six-mile trail project is estimated to be \$300,000 inclusive of soft and hard costs. Funding for the habitat conservation plan is budgeted under the Community Services Department, Parks Operating Budget. The remaining project costs are anticipated to be budgeted via future Board actions after completion of the habitat conservation plan.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

After Board action, please distribute as follows to Jill Van Wie, Community Services Department:

1. Minute Order
2. Professional Services Agreement

**Attachments:**

- A. Agreement - Professional Services Agreement, Storrer