



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: PW/Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: June 3, 2025
Placement: Admin
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District
FROM: Department Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Director
Contact Info: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director - Flood Control, (805) 568-3436
SUBJECT: Beach Sediment Management and Resilience Tactics Project, First and Second Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Dudek (a local vendor) to provide planning, research, and environmental services for the Beach Sediment Management and Resilience Tactics Project for the period of June 3, 2025 through December 31, 2028 in the amount of not to exceed \$785,810;
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time to:
 - i. Approve changes or additions to the agreement with Dudek up to the contingency amount of \$78,581 that may be needed to complete the Beach Sediment Management and Resilience Tactics Project;
 - ii. Extend the term of the Agreement by up to one-year to December 31, 2029 without altering the contract amount;
 - iii. Make immaterial changes in accordance with Section 34 of the Agreement; and

- c) Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262: Feasibility and Planning Studies and Section 15306 (Class 6): Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities; and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached Notice of Exemption.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (Attachment A) with Dudek in support of the District's Beach Sediment Management and Resilience Tactics Project (BeachSMART Project). The Agreement is to provide technical services and community engagement services in a multi-phased project to study and analyze the County's approach to beach nourishment, living shorelines, and flood control response by integrating community outreach, watershed processes, and nature-based solutions. The Project includes planning, research, feasibility analysis, public outreach, and environmental compliance relating to stormwater sediment and beach nourishment practices. The contract anticipates an approximately 3.5 year timeline commencing upon approval on June 3, 2025 through December 31, 2028. The contract may be extended by one year if needed to complete work within the scope of the Agreement.

Background:

The Project is supported by a \$1.2 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) to the Flood Control District (District). In February 2024, the District submitted a preliminary grant proposal to the Conservancy for the proposed Regional Sediment Management and Resiliency Project. In April 2024, the Conservancy approved the District's proposal for funding. This project is being undertaken by the District in collaboration with the Planning and Development Department and Community Services Department (Sustainability and Parks Divisions).

The Conservancy requires a recipient organization must pass a formal resolution that agrees to accept Conservancy grant funds execute grant agreements. On July 16, 2024, the Board approved and adopted a resolution entitled, "In the Matter of Approving the Grant of Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Regional Sediment Management and Resiliency Project", Resolution No. 24-170.

In January 2025, the District publicly circulated a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services to support the District's technical and outreach efforts for the Project. Three proposals were received. Candidate consulting firms were interviewed by District staff in March 2025.

District staff scored consultants and selected Dudek based on the firm's response to the RFP, qualifications, interview performance, and cost-effectiveness. Dudek presented strong qualifications for completing the work requested and the lowest cost proposal.

The Project is comprised of outreach, research, planning, reporting, and documentation. The Project does not include any constructed infrastructure, specific facility, operational activity, property acquisition, or any other land- or water-altering activity. State CEQA guidelines provide that feasibility and planning studies are statutory exempt (Section 15626) and that basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities are categorically exempt (Section 15306). A Notice of Exemption is included as Attachment B.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
State			\$ 864,391.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 864,391.00

Narrative:

The total contract cost, including contingency, is \$864,391.00. A portion of this cost will be incurred during Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and will be funded through existing appropriations in the South Coast Flood Zone. An estimated \$275,000 is included in the FY 2025-26 budget request, with the balance to be budgeted over subsequent fiscal years. All contract costs will be advanced by the South Coast Flood Zone and reimbursed by the State Coastal Conservancy upon submitting quarterly invoices and progress reports.

Project funding is appropriated under Department 054, Fund 2610, Program 3003, Project 24SMRT, Line-Item Account 7671.

No General Fund monies will be utilized for this project.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to file and post the attached Notice of Exemption and email copies of the stamped NOE, signature page of the Agreement, and the minute order to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement with Dudek

Attachment B: NOE

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