



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Agenda Number:

**Department Name:** PW/Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** December 12, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Director, Flood Control & Water Conservation District

**FROM:** Department  
Director(S) Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010

Contact Info: Matt Young, Interim Deputy Director- Water Resources, (805) 568-3546

**SUBJECT:** Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for Maintenance of  
Revegetation for the Santa Maria River Realignment Project, Fifth Supervisorial  
District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Enviroscaping, Inc. (local vendor) upon review and concurrence of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager for maintenance of revegetation for the Santa Maria River emergency sediment project with a period of December 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$270,000;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to make immaterial changes in accordance with Section 48 of the Agreement, make amendments to the professional services agreement with Enviroscaping Inc in the amount of not to exceed \$27,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$297,000 and to extend the term of the Agreement by up to one year if needed to complete the work within the scope of the Agreement; and
- c) Find that this revegetation maintenance project for the Santa Maria River emergency sediment project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15601(b)(3) (common sense exemption) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the maintenance of revegetation may have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (minor alterations to land), and direct staff to file the attached NOE on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to approve and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute an Agreement with Enviroscaping Inc for maintenance of revegetation for the Santa Maria River Realignment Project (Attachment A), 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District; Project No. 23GU01.

The services will provide for the maintenance, such as weed control, irrigation repairs, supplemental planting, and general landscaping maintenance of the extensive native habitat restoration that is underway in the Santa Maria River, as defined in the scope of work. The work will be overseen and managed by Public Works (PW) staff.

**Background:**

Extensive winter storms and river flows from January 2023 resulted in extreme sediment and debris accumulation in the Santa Maria River near Highway 1 and downstream approximately 5 miles. In September 2023, the PW Department implemented an emergency project in the River channel to remove accumulated sediment and re-use the material along the perimeter of the River to create berms. The emergency project was present and approved by the Board on September 12, 2023.

A critical part of the emergency sediment project was to install native vegetation for both habitat restoration and soil stability along the berms. The PW Department undertook an emergency contract with Enviroscaping, Inc to perform native plant installations as reported to the Board in the Flood Control’s emergency actions at the November 7, 2023 hearing. The emergency contract includes the initial installation and establishment period only, as an emergency action to install the revegetation areas prior to the oncoming winter storm season. The emergency contract does not include ongoing maintenance, as the ongoing maintenance is not considered an emergency.

The native revegetation areas will require periodic maintenance to remain in good condition and to meet regulatory commitments associated with the emergency work. The currently proposed contract includes monthly maintenance of the revegetation areas through the end of Fiscal Year 23/24 with the option to renew for 1 additional year. The proposed contract allows continuation of management and maintenance of the revegetation areas and also allows for lower hourly maintenance rates than were appropriately used during the emergency installation contract.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			\$ 297,000.00
State			
Federal			
Guadalupe Flood Zone			
Other			
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,000.00

Narrative:

On September 12, 2023, the Board approved funding for the Santa Maria River Realignment Project via Budget Revision Request (BJE No. 0009313). The project is funded through multiple funding streams as outlined below.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
ARPA	2,500,000
GFC	4,500,000
Guadalupe Flood Zone	1,000,000
<b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>\$ 8,000,000</b>

The contract with Enviroscaping, Inc. will be funded using a portion of the \$4.5M General Fund appropriation. The installation of native vegetation and maintenance of the restoration sites are conditions of approval for the Project.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached CEQA NOE (Attachment B) and to email a copy of the minute order to Christina Lopez @ [clopez@countyofsb.org](mailto:clopez@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A - Copy of the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Enviroscaping Inc.
- Attachment B - Notice of Exemption

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