



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054-04-08  
For Agenda Of: 12/19/2006  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimate Time:  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Phillip M. Demery, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436  
**SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Tetra- Tech Inc., to Develop a Watershed Plan for Rincon Creek Watershed**

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Action(s):**

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Tetra-Tech Inc., a local vendor, to extend the contract period from January 31, 2007 to May 31, 2007 to complete the Watershed Plan for the Rincon Creek Watershed.

**FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

**Summary:**

On October 5, 2004, the Board accepted grant funds from the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and authorized the Public Works Director to execute a grant agreement with DFG to develop a Rincon Creek Watershed Plan. This funding will allow development of a single community-based plan for the Rincon Creek Watershed in both Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. The Community Environmental Council (CEC) is facilitating the voluntary watershed stakeholder group, the Rincon Creek Watershed Council, which provides for the broadest possible public participation in the watershed planning effort. This project has been delayed because of staffing shortages, and the final Rincon Creek Watershed Plan will not be completed until March 2007. However, the position of County Project Manager has been filled and sufficient progress has now been made that staff is confident that the March deadline will be met. The revenue for this project is provided by a grant from the California Department of Fish and Game.

**Background:**

Development of a watershed plan will provide a forum for first identifying issues of concern then evaluating the severity of these issues in the watershed, and finally identifying and prioritizing potential solutions. Two issues already identified in the Rincon Creek watershed are steelhead passage barriers and erosion/sedimentation. The geology of the watershed, in combination with agricultural and other types of land use, has created a significant sediment load in the creek.

In fall of 2004, Water Agency staff began working with the CEC and Ventura County staff to contact Rincon watershed residents and solicit their participation in the watershed plan development. This outreach effort resulted in the creation of the Rincon Creek Watershed Council (RCWC), which has been meeting on a monthly basis since November 2004. Stakeholders on the RCWC include residents from the Rincon Homeowners Association, and agricultural growers from the mid and upper reaches of the watershed, as well as staff from Ventura County, CALTRANS, the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Watershed Coalition, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Central Coast and Los Angeles), and DFG. Staff have been working with the RCWC to identify other areas of concern to be addressed in the plan.

Tetra Tech Inc. was selected by a review committee comprising RCWC members, and County and CEC staff. Tetra Tech staff were hired to attend RCWC meetings, perform a watershed assessment, analyze existing data and perform a gaps analysis, and develop goals and objectives. Tetra Tech has completed a watershed survey, including field surveys, and analyzed these data. They have now begun development of the draft plan. Stakeholders will continue to be kept apprised of the plan development progress and will be vital in providing review and input. Copies of the draft plan will be provided to the RCWC and County and CEC staff in January 2007, and revisions will be made according to comments received from these entities and the public. Comments on the draft plan will be discussed at the RCWC meeting in February. The final plan is scheduled to be completed in March 2007 and presented to the RCWC in April 2007.

**Performance Measures:**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted:  Yes  No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
CA Dept F&G Game	\$ 70,453.00		\$ 103,991.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 70,453.00	\$ -	\$ 103,991.00

Narrative:

This project was included as a final budget adjustment in the 2006-07 Adopted Budget under the Water Agency cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department.

**Staffing Impact(s):**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two originals of Amendment No. 1 and a copy of the minute order to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

**Attachments:**

Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement to Develop a Watershed Plan for the Rincon Creek Watershed with Tetra-Tech, Inc. (3 originals)

**Authored by:** Robert Almy, Water Agency Manager, 568-3542

**cc:**