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AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: PW/Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: December 3, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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

FROM: Department
Director(S) Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010

Contact Info: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director- Flood Control, (805) 568-3436

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for Maintenance of Revegetation for the Santa Maria River Realignment Project, Fifth Supervisorial District

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 Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Enviroscaping, Inc. (local vendor) for maintenance of revegetation for the Santa Maria River Realignment Project extending the term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 and increasing the amount by \$400,000 to a total amount of \$670,000;
- b) Authorize an increase of \$40,000 to the contingency amount of \$27,000 to a total contingency amount of \$67,000 to the Agreement with Enviroscaping, Inc. for additional work needed for maintenance needed for the project; and
- c) Determine that this revegetation and maintenance project was found to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA on December 12, 2023, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (minor alterations to land) and Section 15601(b)(3) (common sense exemption), and an NOE was filed on that basis. The NOE is available at:
<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6445049&GUID=0C467D9D-AEF7-4E86-9120-E89EB633997D>. The proposed contract Amendment No. 2 is within the scope of that NOE and no further CEQA action is required.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Enviroscaping, Inc for weed control and maintenance of revegetation for the Santa Maria River Realignment Project (Attachment A), 5th Supervisorial District; Project No. 23GU01.

The Santa Maria River Realignment project was completed in fall 2023 after a series of severe storms and floods damaged properties, roads, bridges, and threatened the City of Guadalupe. While the Santa Maria River Realignment is completed, ongoing maintenance of the native habitat revegetation is required to enhance stability and to comply with regulatory permits associated with the initial work. The recommended amended will provide for the maintenance through 2026, such as weed control, irrigation repairs, supplemental planting, and general landscaping maintenance of the extensive native habitat restoration that was implemented, as defined in the scope of work. The work will be overseen and managed by Flood Control environmental 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 Public Works (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 presented 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 (a local vendor) 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 included the initial installation and plant establishment period only. The emergency contract did not include ongoing maintenance, as the ongoing maintenance is not considered an emergency.

The Flood Control District issued a notice to bidders and Request for Proposals (RFP) for general revegetation and landscape services in May 2023. The RFP invited statements of qualifications and cost proposals from landscaping companies to perform ongoing maintenance of revegetation areas. The Flood Control District requested hourly rates for different service areas of the County (North Santa Maria Area, Central Santa Ynez / Lompoc Area, and South Coast Area) to ensure competitive rates and proximity to job sites. Contractors were requested to indicate which service areas they were bidding on. The Flood Control District received two proposals for the Central and South Areas, however only one firm (Enviroscaping Inc) proposed for the North Santa Maria Zone. The cost rates proposed by Enviroscaping Inc were competitive and the qualifications demonstrated were more than satisfactory.

This Agreement with Enviroscaping, Inc for ongoing maintenance of the Santa Maria River revegetation area was authorized by the Board of Directors in December 2023 for a work period ending on June 30, 2024 (Attachment B). Amendment No. 1 (Attachment C) was authorized by the Public Works Director to extend the work period to December 31, 2024.

The current requested action is to authorize Amendment No. 2 to the maintenance contract to continue the Santa Maria River maintenance work for two additional years, for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

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 Amendment No. 2 includes estimated monthly maintenance of the revegetation areas through the end of calendar year 2026.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total Amendment Cost</u>
ARPA Federal Funds			\$ 440,000.00

Narrative:

This contract amendment increases the contract amount by \$440,000 (including contingency) for a total contract amount of \$737,000. On September 12, 2023, the Board approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and General Fund funding for the Santa Maria River Realignment Project via Budget Revision Request (BJE No. 0009313). The installation of native vegetation and maintenance of the restoration sites are conditions of approval for the Project. The cost of this work through December 31, 2026 will be funded using ARPA funds.

Costs for this Agreement will be paid from Dept: 054, Fund: 2460, Program: 3005, Project 23GU01, and Account 7510:

Special Instructions:

Director the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of the signed Amendment No. 2 and minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

- Attachment A - Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Enviroscaping Inc.
- Attachment B – Copy of the Original Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Enviroscaping Inc.
- Attachment C - Copy of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Enviroscaping Inc.

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