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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Catherine Kutsuris, Conservation & Development Director

Date: December 8, 2009

Subject: Tres Vaqueros Wind Farm Environmental Impact Report Consultant Contract Authorization

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Conservation & Development Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) effective December 9, 2009 through December 31, 2010, with a payment limit not to exceed \$532,948.00, to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the Tres Vaqueros Wind Farm Repowering Project in the Byron area.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Impact. General Fund revenue will not be used as the cost is covered by fees paid by the project applicant.

**BACKGROUND:**

The proposed project involves removing the 90 existing turbines at the Tres Vaqueros Wind Farm and replacing them with either 26 or 42 larger modern turbines (the number will depend on the turbine model ultimately chosen). The project requires approval of a land use permit, which is subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The County contracted with ESA on May 28, 2009, to perform preliminary environmental review work; that contract expired July 31, 2009. This contract will allow ESA to provide

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **12/08/2009** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Gayle B. Uilkema, District II  
Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor  
Susan A. Bonilla, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 8, 2009

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Katherine Sinclair, Deputy

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cc:

the services necessary to prepare the EIR.

## ATTACHMENTS

Signed L-2 Form