



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors
 From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
 Date: February 10, 2015

Subject: Contract with Environmental Science Associates, Inc., for Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project Study, Martinez area. Project No. 7520-6B8285

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Engineer, Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FC District), or designee, to execute a contract with Environmental Science Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$555,042 to provide services to complete the planning and project development phases of the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project, effective February 10, 2015 through February 10, 2017, Martinez area. (100% Flood Control District Zone 3B Funds)

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is funded 100% by Flood Control Zone 3B (Walnut Creek watershed) funds.

BACKGROUND:

On June 25, 2013, the Board of Supervisors authorized the FC District to remove the lowest 4 miles of the Army Corps of Engineers' "Walnut Creek Project" from Corps oversight. The FC District sought this removal to return the facility to local control and permit the FC District to manage it in a more sustainable manner. Legislation was subsequently introduced by Congressman Mike Thompson to selectively deauthorize Lower Walnut Creek from the system.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/10/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
 Supervisor
 Mary N. Piepho, District III
 Supervisor
 Karen Mitchoff, District IV
 Supervisor
 Federal D. Glover, District V
 Supervisor

ABSENT: Candace Andersen, District II
 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: February 10, 2015

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

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

This legislation was approved by Congress and signed by President Obama on June 10, 2014.

With the facility under local control, the FC District has the ability to proceed with the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project, which encompasses the lowest 4 miles of Walnut Creek and Pacheco Creek. The objective of this project is to transform this stretch of channel to a sustainable flood control facility. On September 4, 2014, the FC District issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) for planning and project development services for the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Environmental Science Associates was determined to be the most qualified among the eight consultant teams that responded to the RFQ. This contract will engage Environmental Science Associates for a two-year period to provide the services needed to complete the planning and project development phases for the project.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the approval of the Board of Supervisors, the FC District will be unable to obtain the services of Environmental Science Associates to initiate the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.