



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: July 18, 2017

Subject: Coordinated Outreach Referral and Engagement Creek Team Interdepartmental Agreement, Countywide.
Project No. 7517-6W7261

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute an Interdepartmental Agreement with the Director of Contra Costa County Health Services, in an amount not to exceed \$465,000 to allow the formation of the Coordinated Outreach Referral and Engagement (CORE) Team to provide homeless assistance and coordinate trash cleanup services with the Public Works Department for homeless encampments located on County property within Creeks or Stormwater Channels, for the period June 1, 2017 through June 1, 2020, Countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The project is 100% funded by Stormwater Utility Assessment 17 funds.

BACKGROUND:

Contra Costa County, like many counties in the Bay Area is grappling with the issue of how to deal with homeless populations living near creeks. Under the National Pollution Elimination System (NPDES), a primary concern for the Public Works Department is to address the issues of trash and pollutants caused by homeless encampments. Safety, social,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/18/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, 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: July 18, 2017

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

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and environmental issues also arise with these encampments.

County Coordinated Outreach Referral and Engagement (CORE) Teams are currently providing services to cities in Contra Costa County. The program has been both successful in reducing homelessness and improving the lives of homeless individuals living

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in encampments by connecting them to housing resources.

The aim of this project is to pilot a possible solution to mitigate the problems of trash pollution to stormwater and homeless encampments. The project will inform the County as to whether providing coordinated services to the homeless to encourage them to cleanup encampments, as well as help them find alternate housing, will demonstrate that the outreach team can reduce homelessness and trash pollution.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the agreement is not approved, the Public Works Department will not benefit from the County CORE Team expertise in outreach to homeless encampments and such encampments will continue to be sources of pollution to the County's waterways.

ATTACHMENTS

CORE Agreement Draft