



**Contra  
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County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors

From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer

Date: February 6, 2018

Subject: Approve a Contract with Environmental Science Associates, Inc., for the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project, 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. (ESA), in an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000, to provide design, permitting, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) services supporting the Lower Walnut Creek (LWC) Restoration Project, for the period February 6, 2018 through January 30, 2021, Martinez area.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This project is funded by a combination of Flood Control Zone 3B (Walnut Creek watershed) funds and grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). (51% FC District Zone 3B Funds, 32.5% CDFW Proposition 1 Grant Funds, and 16.5% EPA San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Funds)

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/06/2018** ☒ 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: February 6, 2018

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

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

Contact: Paul Detjens, (925)  
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## BACKGROUND:

The FC District has recently completed a 3-year community-based planning process (with assistance from ESA) that identified the preferred alternative for LWC restoration work.

The LWC Restoration Project, documented in the LWC Restoration Project Study Report (ESA 2017), proposes to restore and enhance up to approximately 230 acres of tidal wetlands and associated habitat along 3 miles of the most downstream portion of Walnut Creek and its tributary Pacheco Creek, near the southern shore of Suisun Bay. The Project goals are to provide ecosystem benefits, sustainable flood protection, and opportunities for future public access through the Project area

On April 13, 2017, the FC District issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design, permitting, and CEQA services for the LWC Restoration Project. ESA was determined to be the most qualified among the consultant teams that responded to the RFQ. This contract will engage ESA for a 3-year period to provide the services needed to complete the design, permitting, and CEQA services phases of the project.

More specifically, this work includes preparing CEQA documentation and regulatory permit applications, developing final design, construction plans, specifications, and engineer's cost estimates, and supporting the FC District during advertisement for construction.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the approval of the Board of Supervisors, the FC District will be unable to obtain the services of ESA to continue with the design, permitting, and CEQA services supporting the LWC Restoration Project.