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Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors

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

Date: June 26, 2018

Subject: Execute a contract with Area West Environmental, Inc., to provide on-call environmental services,

Countywide.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Area West Environmental, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$350,000 to provide On-Call Environmental Services for the period June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2021, Countywide. Project No.: Various.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work is performed under this on-call contract is funded by (45%) Flood Control Funds, (45%) Local Road and Transportation Funds, (6%) General Fund Capital Facilities funds, and (4%) Airport Enterprise Fund

# **BACKGROUND:**

Contra Costa County Public Works Department (Dept.) builds and maintains road infrastructure in unincorporated Contra Costa County (County), flood control infrastructure within formed drainage areas throughout the County, and operates two airports (in Concord

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| Action of Board On: 06/26/20  | 18 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER  |
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| 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: June 26, 2018  David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  By: June McHuen, Deputy |
| Contact: Trina Torres, (925) 313-2176   |   |

cc: Ave Brown, Environmental Services

| and Byron). Typical projects include new construction, maintenance and improvements of existing public infrastructure facilities, including but not limited to |
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## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

roadways, airports, bridges, flood control basins and drainages.

As a public agency, projects must comply with a number of federal, state, and local environmental regulations, including but not limited to Federal Highway Administration / California Department of Transportation Requirements, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historical Preservation Act, California Environmental Quality Act, federal Clean Water, federal and state Endangered Species Acts, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation/Natural Community Conservation Plan, as well as with other responsible agency protocols, guidelines, and regulations.

The Dept. has the need for "On-Call Environmental Services" to assist with environmental compliance in support of various Projects. "On-Call Environmental Services" includes but is not limited to, assessment of potential project impacts, documentation of the findings and recommended measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential impacts, and construction monitoring to ensure compliance with applicable environmental regulations and agency permit conditions. Government code section 4526 allows for the County to contract for environmental services based on demonstrated competence and professional qualifications.

After a solicitation process and Caltrans confirmation, this firm was selected as one of nine firms to provide "On-Call Environmental Services" for approximately three (3) years to assist Dept. environmental staff with obtaining environmental compliance.

## **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If the Contract is not approved, necessary "On-Call Environmental Services" clearances may not be completed in a timely manner and necessary environmental clearances may not be obtained, which may jeopardize funding and delay design and construction of various flood control, road, and airport projects.