



**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: November 16, 2021

Subject: Approve a Contract with FlowWest, LLC for the Wildcat Creek Fish Passage and Community Engagement Project, North Richmond area. Project #7505-6F8101

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Engineer, Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood Control District), or designee, to execute a contract with FlowWest, LLC, in an amount not exceed \$658,304 to provide design, permitting, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) services supporting the Wildcat Creek Fish Passage and Community Engagement Project (Project) for the period of November 17, 2021 to November 16, 2024, North Richmond area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Project is 100% funded by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 68 Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP) funds without any requirement for local matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Flood Control District, in partnership with Trout Unlimited, John Muir Chapter, was awarded a DWR USRP grant to fund the design and permitting phase of the Project. The Project is intended to retrofit the existing fish ladder in the Wildcat Creek flood control facility and replace it with a more natural design to improve fish passage. Additionally, as

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/16/2021** ☒ 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: November 16, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

the City of San Pablo, the Project will include a modification to an existing flood control structure to improve flow conditions and reduce flood risk to the surrounding area. The Project will also include a community engagement process to raise flood control and fish passage awareness in the community.

On March 3, 2021, the Flood Control District issued a Request for Qualifications for the design, permitting, and CEQA services for the Project. Through this competitive process, FlowWest, LLC, was determined to be the most qualified consultant team to provide the requested services. This contract will engage FlowWest, LLC, for the period of November 17, 2021 to November 16, 2024, to provide the services needed to complete the design, permitting, and CEQA services for the Project.

More specifically, this contract includes preparing CEQA documentation and regulatory permit applications, engaging the community in the Project, developing design alternatives and final design, and preparing construction plans, specifications, and an engineer's cost estimate for the Project.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the approval of the Board, the Flood Control District will be unable to complete the design and permitting of the Project.