



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department

Date: December 14, 2021

Subject: APPROVE and AUTHORIZE Consulting Services Agreement with ERM, West, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Conservation and Development Director, or designee, to execute a contract between ERM-WEST, INC., a California corporation, on the one hand and Contra Costa County, the Hookston Group, and Union Pacific Railroad ("the Hookston Parties") on the other, effective November 23, 2021, with a payment limit of \$210,233 and a term ending January 31, 2023, to continue providing remediation and related environmental services at the Hookston Site, subject to approval by the County Administrator and approval as to form by County Counsel.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

In accordance with an existing settlement agreement, the contract costs are shared between UPRR (50%), Helix Family Trust (25%) and Contra Costa County (25%). The County portion has been designated as an enforceable obligation as is covered by the Successor Agency Funds.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/14/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE:  
John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor  
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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: December 14, 2021

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

ABSENT:  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

Contact: Maureen Toms (925)655-2895

cc:

## BACKGROUND:

The Hookston Parties entered into a settlement agreement in 1997 to resolve a civil suit involving allegations of contamination of the soil, subsoil, surface water and groundwater on and emanating from an approximately 8-acre site located at the intersection of Hookston Road and Bancroft Road in Pleasant Hill, California (“Hookston Site”).

The Hookston Site is currently regulated under Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. R2-2007-0009, Adoption of Final Site Cleanup Requirements and Recission of Order Nos. R2-2003-0035 and R2-2004-0081, dated January 30, 2007.

The subject contract consists of two parts, a Consultant Services Agreement and a letter agreement. Together they describe the terms under which ERM, West, Inc. will provide remediation and related environmental services at the Hookston Site through January 2023.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County would not be in compliance with the Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. R2-2007-0009.

## ATTACHMENTS

Hookston Consulting Services Agmt - V7

Hookston Station CA CWA- v2-clean

Letter Agreement