



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
Date: June 7, 2022

Subject: Contract Amendment with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD, d/b/a NCE, for On-Call Environmental Services, Countywide.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD, d/b/a NCE, to increase the payment limit by \$200,000 to a new payment limit of \$550,000 for on-call environmental services, with no change to the term of September 15, 2018 through September 14, 2023, Countywide.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The Public Works Department (Department) 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 and Byron). Typical projects include new construction, maintenance and improvements of existing public infrastructure facilities, including roadways, airports, bridges, flood control basins

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/07/2022** ☒ 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: June 7, 2022

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

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and drainage facilities.

As a public agency, projects must comply with a number of federal, state, and local environmental regulations, including Federal Highway Administration/California Department of Transportation Requirements, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, California Environmental Quality Act, federal Clean Water, federal and state Endangered Species Act, 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.

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The Department 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.

## 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 airports projects.