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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: October 11, 2022

Subject: Brownfields Assessment Coalition Memorandum of Agreement, Richmond area.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute a Brownfields Assessment Coalition memorandum of agreement between the County, the City of Richmond (City), Eden Housing, and Community Housing and Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC), for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, to acknowledge County participation in the coalition, as required by the terms of a \$600,000 assessment grant awarded to the City by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

BACKGROUND:

On October 20, 2020, this Board authorized the Public Works Director to sign a letter supporting the City's application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a grant under the EPA's Brownfields Program. The Board action included approval of the County becoming a partner in the City's Brownfields Assessment Coalition, along with Eden Housing and CHDC.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/11/2022** ☒ 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: October 11, 2022

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

Contact: Jessica Dillingham,
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By: Antonia Welty, Deputy

cc:

The EPA's Brownfields Program provides grants and technical assistance to communities, states, tribes and others to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse contaminated properties. The City's application for program funds identified the following five sites in the Richmond area as priority sites for program funds:

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Transit Village-Metro Walk Phase II, at 19th Street and McDonald Ave.

- Nystrom Village, at Florida Ave. and South 13th Street.
- The Former Richmond Health Center, at 100 38th Street. (County owned).
- Legacy Court Development, at 1329 Fred Jackson Way. (County owned).
- Former Primo's Auto site, at 521 23rd Street.

The City recently informed County staff that on July 27, 2021, the City was awarded \$600,000 by the EPA in response to the joint application for Brownsfield Program funds. The grant period is October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024. The terms of the grant require the coalition partners to enter into a memorandum of agreement to evidence their commitment to working together to utilize the grant funds for purposes permitted by the grant.

The County's participation in the coalition could reduce the cost to the County of environmental assessments of County-owned property, including the real property located at 100 38th Street in Richmond, and the real property located at 1329 Fred Jackson Way in North Richmond.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The cost associated with the development of affordable housing projects on certain County-owned property could increase.

ATTACHMENTS

Memorandum of Agreement