

# County of Sonoma

## Agenda Item

### Summary Report

Clerk of the Board Use Only  
Meeting Date

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Agenda Item No:

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**Department: Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District**

**( ) 4/5 Vote Required**

**Contact:**  
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**Board Date:**  
07/14/09

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:**

**TAYLOR MOUNTAIN INTERIM ACCESS PERMIT PROGRAM – AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES**

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Authorize the Interim General Manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to execute an amended agreement between the District and Nancy Dakin to revise and recirculate the Initial Study/Negative Mitigated Declaration for the Taylor Mountain Interim Access Permit Program in an amount not to exceed \$16,705, for a total contract amount of \$41,545.

**CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUESTED</u>	
Estimated Cost	\$ 16,705	Contingencies (Fund Name: )	\$ 000.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 16,705	Unanticipated Revenue (Sources: )	\$ 000.00
Other Avail. Approp.	\$ 000.00	Other Transfer(s): Fund Balance	\$ 000.00
(Explain below) Additional Requested:	\$ 0.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$ 000.00

Explanation (if required): **Funding is available in the District's FY 09-10 Services and Supplies budget.**

**Prior Board Action(s):** On October 11, 2005, the District Board of Directors approved the purchase of the Taylor Mountain property.

**Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:** Do not authorize execution of amendment. Revised and recirculated Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Taylor Mountain Interim Access Permit Program would not occur.

**Background:**

***NOTE: Amendment to Personal Services Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board.***

On October 11, 2005, the District Board of Directors approved the acquisition of the 823-acre Taylor Mountain property. On July 1, 2008, the General Manager executed an agreement with Nancy Dakin, a local environmental consultant, to prepare an Initial Study/Negative Mitigated Declaration for the proposed Taylor Mountain Interim Access Permit Program, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000. The end date of the original contract was December 31, 2008. Subsequently, the term was extended to June 30, 2009 and the contract amount was increased to \$24,840 for additional work needed. The current amendment extends the contract to December 31, 2009 for a total not to exceed \$41,545.

Over the past year, District staff and the consultant have developed an Interim Access Permit Program and conducted an environmental analysis of the project. The proposed plan will allow public access onto Taylor Mountain before and while a Taylor Mountain Parks and Open Space Master Plan is developed.

Subsequently, the proposed Interim Access Permit Program has been revised to provide for equestrians and bicyclists in addition to hikers. The project evaluated in the initial environmental document only addressed hikers. In order to implement the revised proposed project, the consultant and Interim General Manager recommend that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration be revised to reflect these changes and be recirculated for public comment pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. This revision and recirculation involves a significant amount of work, including conducting a traffic and parking analysis, and responding to additional public comments.

Having prepared the initial draft environmental document, Ms. Dakin is familiar with the project and its potential environmental impacts. Ms. Dakin was originally chosen for her extensive experience working with the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Regional Parks and other entities on local projects. Her rates have not changed.

The Interim General Manager recommends that the Board authorize him to execute an amended agreement with Nancy Dakin to revise and recirculate the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Taylor Mountain Interim Access Permit Program in an amount not to exceed \$16,705, for a total contract amount of \$41,545.

**Attachments:**

**On File With Clerk:**

Amended Agreement with Scope of Work

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**Board Action (If other than "Requested")**

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**Vote:**