

<p>County of Sonoma</p> <p>Agenda Item</p> <p>Summary Report</p>	<p>Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date ____/____/____</p> <p>Agenda Item No: _____</p>
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<p>Department: Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District</p>	<p>() 4/5 Vote Required</p>
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AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

School Outings Program—Amended Agreement for Consultant Services

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Interim General Manager to execute an amendment to the contract between the District and LandPaths to extend the term through June 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$99,785 to conduct an educational schools program, “In Our Own Backyard,” on District protected properties.

CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT			
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUESTED</u>	
Estimated Cost	\$ 99,785.00	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$ 000.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 99,785.00	Unanticipated Revenue (Sources:)	\$ 000.00
Other Avail. Approp.	000.00	Other Transfer(s) (Fund Balance)	\$ 000.00
Additional Requested: (Explain below)	\$ 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 21, 2008, the Board of Directors approved a contract for LandPaths to conduct a schools program on District-protected properties.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

School outings program on District lands linking hundreds of Sonoma County students, teachers, and parents to open space resources through organized, scheduled site visits would not continue.

Background:

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

Summary

The purpose of this item is to authorize the Interim General Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with LandPaths to continue the District’s school outings program from June 30, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The original amount of the agreement was \$96,386. The cost for the amendment shall not exceed \$99,785. Rates have remained the same, however, transportation and administrative costs are up. The District included funding for this contract in its FY 09-10 budget.

Discussion

The District has partnered with LandPaths to conduct a series of educational outings on District preserved lands through the “In Our Own Backyard” (IOOBY) school program. Local schools’ participation throughout the county has increased over the years. The initial pilot program was introduced in 1998, with annual participation of schools increasing over time. The “IOOBY” program proposes 18 classes from 15 schools, ranging from elementary to high school, to be funded by the District under this agreement. The program provides an opportunity for faculty, students, friends, volunteers, and family members to visit District-protected lands and to increase awareness and knowledge of the District’s programs within Sonoma County. The schools have an opportunity to “adopt” a piece of the local landscape where students can participate as stewards of the site. Each “adopted” landscape will allow students to focus on a District acquisition within a participating school’s watershed.

The District will conduct a competitive Request for Proposal process during FY 09-10, for FY 10-11, to test the market to determine if other and/or additional qualified service providers are able to meet the District’s needs. The District looks forward to the results of this process; however, given that services are rendered on the school year, the results of this RFP cannot go into affect until next summer. In FY 08-09, the District prepared a comparative cost analysis to confirm that LandPaths’ labor costs are competitive as compared to bringing these services in-house.

School Outings—Objectives and Accomplishments

- Linking approximately 600 students per year to District properties
- Working with 30 teachers, 30 volunteers & parents, in 15 schools annually
- In FY 08-09 LandPaths' visits included fee and conservation easement properties including future parks, preserves, and agricultural lands. The properties include: Taylor Mountain, Doerksen, Glen Oaks, Riverfront Park, Healdsburg Ridge, Laguna Uplands, Bayer Farm, and Jacobs Ranch.
- LandPaths has received/is applying to receive matching funding from the Community Foundation, Speedway Infineon Raceway, Save the Redwoods League, and the Stewardship Council and in the past, State Coastal Conservancy, Sierra Club and Sierra Club’s Youth in Wilderness grant program.

Recommendation

The Interim General Manager recommends that the Board authorize him to execute an amendment to the FY 09-10 contract with LandPaths, in an amount not to exceed \$99,785, to enable the District to continue the educational outings program through June 30, 2010. The \$99,785 covers all LandPaths’ staff time for the proposed scope of services and includes transportation costs, and administrative costs such as printing, mailings, mileage, office supplies, and insurance.

Attachments: Scope of Work

On File With Clerk: FY 08-09 Personal Services Contract with LandPaths, Amended Scope of Work

CLERK OF THE BOARD USE ONLY

Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background information is on file at:

County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors Office
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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