

COUNTY OF SONOMA AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT			Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date Held Until _____ Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No: _____	
Department: Sonoma County Water Agency			(X) 4/5 Vote Required	
Contact: Jon Niehaus	Phone: (707) 521-1845	Board Date: 07-14-09	Deadline for Board Action:	
AGENDA SHORT TITLE: As-Needed Creek Maintenance Services				
REQUESTED BOARD ACTION(S): 1. Authorize Chair to execute the Agreement for As-Needed Creek Maintenance Services between the Sonoma County Water Agency and Conservation Corps North Bay, Inc. (\$175,000). 2. Authorize the Agency's General Manager/Chief Engineer to amend the Agreement provided amendments do not cumulatively increase the total cost to the Agency by more than \$25,000 and do not substantially change the scope of work. 3. Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the FY 2008-09 final budget for the Agency's Zone 1A Laguna-Mark West Expansion Fund in the amount of \$131,125. 4. Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the FY 2008-09 final budget for the Agency's Zone 2A Petaluma Expansion Fund in the amount of \$43,875.				
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT				
EXPENDITURES			ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL	
Estimated Cost	\$	175,000	Contingencies	\$
Amount Budgeted	\$	-0-	(Fund Name:)	
Other Avail Approp (Explain below)	\$		Unanticipated Revenue	\$
			(Source:)	
Additional Requested:	\$	\$175,000	Other Transfer(s)	\$ \$175,000
			(Source:)	
			Add'l Funds Requested:	\$ \$175,000
Explanation (if required): Additional Appropriation in 673202-6180 (\$131,125) and 673301-6180 (\$43,875) are requested to process this expense. Fund balance will be appropriated with Board approval.				
Prior Board Action(s):				
Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:				

Background: Agreement on file with the Clerk.

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) maintains approximately 75 miles of engineered flood control channels and has hydraulic easements on approximately 150 miles of modified or natural channels. Maintenance activities on engineered channels include sediment removal, bank stabilization, and vegetation management. Maintenance activities on modified and natural channel easements include vegetation or debris removal that obstructs flow.

The Agency desires to contract creek maintenance services on an as-needed basis for the channels where the Agency has maintenance authority because the Agency does not have the staff or resources to conduct this work in-house. These services would include: vegetation thinning, tree pruning and removal; installing erosion control; tree planting and maintenance. The total contract is not to exceed \$175,000.

The Agency sent a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to nine firms. Image Tree Service, Atlas Tree Surgery, Inc., Sandborn Tree Service Inc., Arborcat Tree Service, and Conservation Corps North Bay, Inc. responded to the RFQ, and a list of qualified consultants was created. Conservation Corps North Bay, Inc. was selected from the list of qualified consultants to perform the work because they have extensive, and most directly applicable experience doing creek maintenance and restoration work based on the Agency's evaluation. Conservation Corps North Bay has worked with flood control districts in Marin County for several years and are familiar with the environmental sensitivity of working in and near creeks.

The Agreement includes provisions for the Agency's General Manager/Chief Engineer to terminate the Agreement.

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Attachments: Resolutions (R1) (R2)

On File With Clerk: Agreement (4 copies)

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: