

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 8/7/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Resource Specialist (805) 788-2765	
(4) SUBJECT Request for approval of a professional environmental consulting services agreement with SWCA of San Luis Obispo, CA, for an amount not to exceed \$132,108, and request to authorize the Public Works Director to approve amendments to the agreement in an amount not to exceed a contingency of \$13,211, for the Los Osos Wastewater Project, Los Osos, CA. District 2.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board: 1. Approve and direct the Chairperson to sign the attached agreement for professional environmental consulting services with SWCA for environmental monitoring during the Los Osos Wastewater Project, in the amount of \$132,108; and 2. Authorize the Public Works Director to approve amendments to the agreement in an amount not to exceed a contingency of \$13,211.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Fund Center 430	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$145,319.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001176		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 2 -			

Reference: 12AUG07-C-1

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Public Works
Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Resource Specialist
VIA: Mark Hutchinson, Environmental Programs Manager
DATE: 8/7/2012

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The Los Osos Wastewater Project includes work in Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) which includes habitat for the Morro shoulderband snail, which is a federally endangered species. Work within ESHA requires consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The resulting project conditions require construction monitoring by a qualified biologist to ensure all biological opinion measures are being met.

SWCA was chosen through the County approved consultant selection process. Proposals were received from three consulting firms. SWCA was selected because it was determined to provide the best combination of issue expertise, local experience, and presence.

SWCA staff will support Public Works biologists with survey and monitoring work. Some endangered species relocation efforts will take a large number of qualified biologists, and both County staff and SWCA staff will work together to quickly and efficiently conduct the relocation to facilitate construction schedules. Over the course of the multi-year contract, we anticipate that both SWCA and Public Works staff will conduct necessary monitoring, as project workloads allow.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel is providing legal guidance on all aspects of the Project and has approved the attached agreement as to legal form and effect.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and State Water Board are jointly financing the project and provide oversight of engineering and consulting agreements.

Numerous other County departments and local agencies are involved in other Project related efforts, which include preparation of a community Habitat Conservation Plan (Department of Planning and Building), an update to the Local Coastal Plan (Department of Planning and Building), and development of solutions to the community's groundwater basin overdraft which is causing sea water intrusion (Golden State Water, Los Osos Community Services District, and S&T Mutual Water Company under the jurisdiction of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court). The County Tax Collector and Auditor-Controller will become involved during the issuance of bonds and collection of assessments on the tax roll.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The recommended agreement for services was planned and necessary for the completion of the Project. The cost, including contingencies, was included in the original Project budget, which was approved by your Board on May 17, 2011.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended actions will continue progress toward a community wastewater project for Los Osos by retaining engineering and environmental consultants necessary to complete the design and construction of the Project.

File: Los Osos WWP 300448.00.1.4

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Agreement for Consulting Services
3. Exhibit A to Agreement
4. Exhibit B to Agreement
5. Exhibit C to Agreement