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Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
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**SUBJECT:** Second addendum between Community Development Agency and Questa Engineering Corporation to complete the feasibility study for the Woodacre/San Geronimo Flats Wastewater Recycling Project

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and approve the proposed second addendum with Questa Engineering Corporation (Questa) to complete the feasibility study of alternative community wastewater solutions in the Woodacre and San Geronimo Flats area of the San Geronimo Valley. The addendum would increase the current contract amount by \$15,000 for a total not-to-exceed the amount of \$81,000.

**SUMMARY:**

On June 21, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2016-62 to accept and administer a \$75,000 water recycling grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The purpose of the grant is to expand Questa's July 2011 report comparing various alternatives for wastewater treatment and disposal in Woodacre Flats.

On July 26, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved the current Questa contract to conduct their analysis for the expanded Woodacre and San Geronimo Flats area. In March 2017, Questa produced a draft report of their comparative analysis of treatment alternatives. Their report indicated that the apparent best alternative would be a community wastewater collection system with a compact tertiary treatment unit, ponding, and recycling to irrigate the San Geronimo Golf Course.

On March 22, 2017 a Notice of Preparation was issued for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on a community wastewater recycling project. A scoping session was held in the San Geronimo Valley on April 18, 2017 and comments were received through May 1, 2017. Shortly thereafter, the golf course property went up for sale and the project EIR was placed on hold. With the EIR process on hold and plans uncertain for the golf course property, staff is recommending the County proceed with finalizing the report to fulfill the terms of the state grant.

In January, the SWRCB granted a one-time, one-year extension to complete the study by March 1, 2019. On March 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved a one-year extension to the Questa contract to coincide with the new grant deadline. Finalizing the study entails responding to the SWRCB comments on the draft report,

which include evaluating additional uses for recycled water. The need to address additional issues and revisions has also arisen since the study was put on hold, such as the need to identify alternative sites for a wastewater recycling unit previously considered to be located on the golf course property. It is estimated that these revisions will cost an additional \$15,000 to complete the final grant report.

It is understood that future changes in the use of the golf course property may require further revisions to the feasibility study. However, finalizing the work done to date will help inform future decisions regarding options for addressing water quality problems linked to failing on-site septic systems. The results of water quality sampling conducted last year confirmed the presence of human fecal waste in the Woodacre and San Geronimo Creeks throughout the year, underscoring the need to address this ongoing problem.

To meet the County's contractual obligation to finalize the feasibility study, the attached addendum would increase Questa's contract by \$15,000. This would increase the total personnel service agreement from \$66,000 to \$81,000. Extending the contract would maintain the County's eligibility for \$75,000 in grant funding to complete the study.

**FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no impact to the General Fund net county cost as a result of this action. There are sufficient unspent funds in the Woodacre/San Geronimo Feasibility/EIR Project to cover the increase costs.

**REVIEWED BY:**

- Department of Finance                     N/A
- County Counsel                                 N/A
- Human Resources                                N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed by:



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Contract #31700217

- Attachment:
- 1) Resolution No. 2016-62
  - 2) Proposed Second Addendum to Contract
  - 3) First Addendum to Contract
  - 4) Current Questa Professional Services Contract