



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

County Counsel

DATE: December 1, 2003

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 16, 2003

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Related to Environmental Review for an Amendment to the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Director of the Environmental Services Agency to, (A) execute an amended agreement with the City of Brisbane and Brookfield Homes Bay Area, Inc. providing for a contribution by Brookfield to the funding for the amendment to the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan and EIR/EIS associated therewith, in the amount of \$145,389, and (B) execute an agreement with Jones & Stokes Associates, in the amount of \$125,089, for the preparation of an EIR/EIS for an amendment to the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan.

Background:

On June 10, 2003, the Board approved an agreement with Thomas Reid Associates to develop a comprehensive amendment to the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan ("HCP") made necessary by the federal listing of the Callippe silverspot butterfly. The amendment will also allow updating of other aspects of the 20 year old plan. Funding has previously been provided for the amendment process by an HCP Planning Grant, a \$100,000 contribution from Brookfield Homes, developer of the Northeast Ridge property, and \$8,333 contributions from the County and the cities of Daly City, South San Francisco and Brisbane. These contributions were to cover the HCP amendment process and the EIR/EIS that must be prepared to support the amendment.

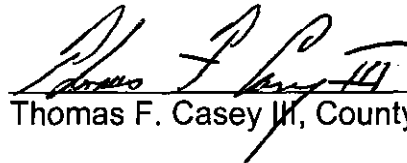
Discussion:

County staff issued a Request for Proposals to prepare an EIR/EIS for the HCP amendment in September of 2003. The RFP was provided to numerous consultants. The County received two responses from very experienced and reputable environmental consulting firms: (1) a proposal by Jones & Stokes in the amount of \$147,177, and (2) a

proposal by Environmental Science Associates in the amount of \$305,380. Staff thoroughly reviewed the responses, and determined that the proposal by Jones & Stokes was fully responsive to the RFP. The dollar figure of the proposal, however, left the County approximately \$69,000 short in the funding necessary to complete the HCP amendment and EIR/EIS. County staff has negotiated certain adjustments in the Jones & Stokes work program resulting in a revised proposal in the amount of \$125,049. Brookfield Homes has agreed to make up the remaining difference in funding. Staff is now requesting that the Board authorize an amended agreement with Brookfield Homes raising its contribution level from \$100,000 to \$145,389, and that the Board further authorize a contract with Jones and Stokes to complete an EIR/EIS for the HCP amendment. With these actions, the HCP amendment and environmental review process will be fully funded.

Fiscal Impact:

This action will not require any expenditures by the County beyond expenditures already authorized.



Thomas F. Casey III, County Counsel

cc: John Maltbie, County Manager
Marcia Raines, Director of Environmental Services Agency
Mary Burns, Director of Parks and Recreation

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COUNTY MANAGER