



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: Water Agency

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Resolution Approving Department of Transportation Agreement Number 240004, Professional Services Agreement Between the County of Mendocino and EKI Environment and Water, Inc., in the Amount of \$94,500, for Consulting Services for the Drought Resilience Plan Development and Drought Task Force Participation Project, for the Term Beginning Upon Execution of the Agreement through June 30, 2025 (Countywide)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt resolution approving Department of Transportation Agreement Number 240004, Professional Services Agreement between the County of Mendocino and EKI Environment and Water, Inc., in the amount of \$94,500, for consulting services for the Drought Resilience Plan Development and Drought Task Force Participation Project, for the term beginning upon execution of the Agreement through June 30, 2025 (Countywide); and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

By Resolution Number (No.) 21-051 (April 20, 2021), the Board of Supervisors (BOS) declared a local emergency and imminent threat of disaster due to drought conditions. By Resolution No. 21-079 (June 8, 2021), the BOS renewed its declaration and extended the existence of the local emergency. By Resolution No. 22-257 (December 13, 2022), the BOS approved BOS Agreement No. 22-310 / Department of Transportation (DOT) Agreement NO. 220025, with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. (EKI), in the amount of \$223,000, to serve as the Water Resource Specialist and to create a Mendocino County Water Resource Team to serve as the Mendocino County Water Agency. By Resolution No. 23-157 (September 12, 2023), the BOS authorized the Director of Transportation to submit a grant application to California Department of Water Resources to implement the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Development and Drought Task Force Participation Project.

Summary of Request:

Under Senate Bill (SB) 552, each county in California is required to have a standing drought task force to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems, domestic wells, and other privately supplied homes within the county's jurisdiction. The County of Mendocino has an existing standing drought task force which is incorporated into the General Government Standing Committee, however, increased participation by water stakeholders is desirable. Additionally, SB 552 requires each county develop a plan demonstrating the potential drought and water shortage risk and propose interim and long-term

solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county. Funding to accomplish these two crucial tasks has been awarded to Mendocino County, in the amount of \$124,974 through the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program. DOT Agreement No. 240004, with EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI), provides for consulting services to accomplish the Drought Resilience Plan Development and Drought Task Force Participation Project. A draft resolution approving DOT Agreement No. 240004 is attached for the Board's review and adoption.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not approve the Agreement and do not comply with Senate Bill 552 requirements.

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/SB-552>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: DWR County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program (BU 0326)

current f/y cost: \$0 County / Approx. \$20,000 DWR Grant

annual recurring cost: \$0 County / Approx. \$74,500 DWR Grant FY 24/25

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: Yes

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: May 21, 2024

Final Status: **Adopted**

Executed Item Type: Resolution

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Executed Item Type: Agreement

Number: 24-077

