



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of January 21, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5-C

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**SUBJECT:**

Award Contract – Regional Climate Adaptation and Resilience Framework for Madera County

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Authorize staff to negotiate and enter a contract with Mark Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$575,000 to provide services for a Regional Climate Adaptation and Resilience Framework for Madera County

**SUMMARY:**

The MCTC Policy Board approved the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) at its October 22, 2025, meeting, to retain a consulting firm to provide services for a Regional Climate Adaptation and Resilience Framework for Madera County. A link to the RFP can be found here: [RFP RCARF Madera County](#). Staff received six proposals. A scoring committee scored the proposals according to the established criteria, and the results of the scoring are as follows:

Firm	Cost	Average Score	Rank
Mark Thomas	\$574,962.35	94.5	1
Integral	\$573,368	93.25	2
WSP	\$553,251.48	92	3
Cambridge Systematics	\$564,996	89.25	4
Hua Nani Partners	\$556,300	87	5
Horizon 54	\$574,842.54	81	6

After conducting the RFP process, scoring, and evaluating the submitted proposals, MCTC staff and the scoring committee are recommending the MCTC Policy Board to authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Mark Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$575,000. The term of the contract will be February 1, 2026, through April 30, 2028.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Local match cash requirement of \$69,315 over the next three years until June 30, 2028.