



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 5884 with Environmental Science Associates
From: Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources
Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: July 21, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 3 to the professional services agreement, Contract No. 5884 (CN-5884), with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to extend the contract term by two years and add \$977,000 in funding, increasing the total contract amount from \$3,248,867 to a new not to exceed contract amount of \$4,225,867, based on grant funding received from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for Lagunitas Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Project support, and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment

SUMMARY: Staff are requesting that the Board approve Amendment No. 3 to the professional services agreement, CN-5884, with ESA to extend the contract term by two years and add \$977,000 in funding based on the award of WCB grant funding for continued Lagunitas Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Project support services. This amendment would increase the total contract amount to a new not to exceed contract amount of \$4,225,867. Extending the term by two years is needed to support Phase 1C construction in 2026 and Phase 2A construction in 2027. An additional \$977,000 will cover construction management, engineering, and performance monitoring.

DISCUSSION: Since 2020, the District has collaborated with California State Parks and the Lagunitas Technical Advisory Committee to design and implement the Lagunitas Creek Habitat Enhancement Project (Project). The Enhancement Project benefits endangered Coho Salmon, threatened Steelhead, and endangered California Freshwater Shrimp by constructing engineered log habitat structures and replenishing spawning gravels to restore the ecological health of Lagunitas Creek below Peters Dam.

The 13 Enhancement Project sites are split across multiple phases to facilitate planning, permitting, and implementation:

- Phase 1A (Sites 4, 5, and 6) - completed in 2024
- Phase 1B (Sites 1, 2, 12, and 13) - completed in 2025
- Phase 1C (Site 3) – construction on track for August – October 2026
- Phase 2A (Sites 7 and 8) - construction planned for August - October 2027

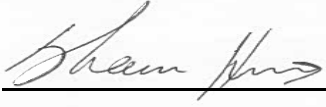
- Phase 2B (Sites 9, 10, and 11) – dependent on funding

The Board approved a professional services agreement with ESA on September 15, 2020 to begin design and permitting for the Project. Subsequently, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 on April 1, 2022 for final design and permitting of Phase 1, and Amendment No. 2 on May 17, 2024 for Phase 1 construction support and Phase 2 final design and permitting. Amendment No. 3 includes additional scope of work and budget to conduct construction management, engineering, and performance monitoring of Phase 1 and Phase 2 sites. The additional budget will be funded entirely through the District's WCB grant for \$1,109,000 awarded on February 26, 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Staff have reviewed the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and found that the Project is Statutorily Exempt pursuant to Section 21080.56 of the California Public Resources Code, known as the Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP). The Project qualifies for exemption pursuant to Section 21080.56 inasmuch as project is a restoration project for fish and wildlife meeting the conditions of SERP as stated in Section 21080.56. Additionally, the District working in collaboration with United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) completed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documentation and received a notice that required environmental compliance activities have been completed per the terms of the USBR grant agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost for Amendment No. 3 is \$977,000, increasing the total contract amount to \$4,225,867. The additional budget and scope of work will be fully funded through the District's WCB grant for \$1,109,000 awarded on February 26, 2026.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Watershed	 Shaun Horne Watershed Resources Director	 Ben Horenstein General Manager