



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: General Services Agreements for BFFIP Maintenance and BFFIP Forestry and Pile Burn Support (Contract Number 2050 & Contract Number 2051)

From: Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources

Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: August 19, 2025

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the General Manager to execute two General Services Agreements, (CN-2050 and CN-2051) with Forster and Kroeger Inc., the lowest qualified bidder, in the amounts of \$5,101,440 for 'BFFIP Maintenance' and \$2,757,630 for 'BFFIP Forestry and Pile Burn Support', 2025- 2028

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors approve and authorize the General Manager to sign two General Service Agreements (GSAs) in the amounts of \$5,101,440 (CN-2050) and \$2,757,630 (CN-2051) with Forester and Kroeger Inc. to provide three years of continued Biodiversity, Fire and Fuels Integrated Plan (BFFIP) support for both 'Maintenance' and 'Forestry and Pile Burn Support' work. The District reviewed the two contracts with the Watershed Committee at the June 12, 2025 meeting. On June 10, 2025, the District publicly advertised two 'Notice Inviting Bids' (NIBs) for 'BFFIP Maintenance' (CN-2050) and BFFIP 'Forestry and Pile Burn Support' (CN-2051) in accordance with contracting procedures. The District received and publicly opened nine bids on July 24, 2025, Forester and Kroeger Inc. was the lowest qualified and responsive bidder on both CN-2050 and CN-2051. Staff is recommending that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute both contracts and any and all future amendments to the Contract, deemed necessary, so long as those amendments to the Contract do not exceed \$510,144 or ten percent (10%) of the contract award for a total authorization not to exceed \$5,611,584 for CN 2050 and \$275,763 or ten percent of the contract award for a total authorization not to exceed \$3,033,393 for CN 2051.

DISCUSSION: In October of 2019, the District adopted the BFFIP, and associated Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), which describes the actions the District will implement to reduce wildfire hazards and to maintain and enhance ecosystem function. Vegetation management under the BFFIP aims to reduce fuel loads, maintain fuelbreak infrastructure, preserve defensible space, and reduce invasive weed species. Vegetation management is conducted continuously throughout the year with the chief goal of reducing fuel loads and maintaining the watershed's biological diversity. The District is currently in year seven of implementation of the BFFIP that was adopted in 2019.

For the past six years, Watershed Staff and contractors have successfully implemented vegetation Management Actions (MAs) outlined within the BFFIP. Implementation of MAs requires multiple contractors with a range of technical skills to conduct over 1,500 acres of annual vegetation treatments described in the BFFIP under MA-20, 'Fuelbreak Construction', MA-21 'Fuelbreak Construction', MA-23, 'Forest Stand Structure Improvement' and MA 24, 'Grassland and Oak Woodland Improvement'. These new BFFIP Maintenance and BFFIP Forestry and Pile Burn Support GSAs will provide skilled technical labor, necessary to continue conducting planned BFFIP MAs.

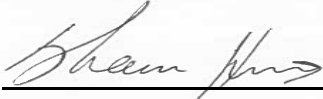

The District reviewed the two proposed contracts with the Watershed Committee at the June 12, 2025 meeting. Both contracts are replacing existing BFFIP contracts that expired in June of 2025. The District publically advertised two Notice Inviting Bids on June 10, 2025 in accordance with the District's contracting procedures for BFFIP Maintenance (CN-2050) and BFFIP Forestry and Pile Burn Support (CN-2051). District staff reviewed all bids received and found Forster and Kroeger as the lowest qualified bidder for both CN-2050 and CN-2051.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The District, as the Lead Agency on this project, has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the Biodiversity, Fire and Fuels Integrated Plan (BFFIP) which was adopted in 2019 and covers all work being proposed under both the new 'BFFIP Maintenance' and BFFIP Forestry and Pile Burn Support' contracts.

FISCAL IMPACT: Staff estimate the costs to perform the BFFIP Maintenance and BFFIP Forestry and Pile Burn Support contracts over the initial three years, during FY26, FY27 & FY28, will be \$5,101,440 (CN-2050) and \$2,757,630 (CN-2051). Funds for both of these contracts will be paid out of a combination of District BFFIP Operations and Capital funding, as well as with a secured Wildlife Conservation Board Grant and Cal Fire Forest Health Grants.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution approving CN-2050 for BFFIP Maintenance
2. Resolution approving CN-2051 for BFFIP Forestry and Pile Burn Support

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