



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2050 with Forester and Kroeger Inc.
From: Paul Sellier, Director of Water Resources
Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: September 1, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. (CN) 2050, with Forester and Kroeger, Inc. to add \$483,000, which includes a 20% contingency for vegetation maintenance and landscaping services supporting the Nicasio Creek Vegetation Management 2026 Project, for a total not to exceed amount of \$5,906,840, and Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 2 to CN 2050 in the amount of \$483,000 to expand the existing scope of work with Forester and Kroeger Inc. to include work for the Nicasio Creek Vegetation Management 2026 Project (Project). This amendment leverages the existing CN-2050 contract, approved by the Board on September 25, 2025, for BFFIP Maintenance and Forestry and Pile Burn Support. Expanding the scope allows the District to implement the Nicasio Creek Vegetation Maintenance 2026 Project that was presented at the August 18, 2026 Board meeting.

DISCUSSION: The Project includes vegetation thinning along a 3,850 ft reach of the Nicasio Creek flood plane from the Reservoir to approximately Ranch Road in the town of Nicasio. In addition, willows removed from Nicasio Creek will be planted along the shoreline of the reservoir to improve habitat. The work includes removal of trees less than 4-inches in diameter at chest height and limbing of larger trees if their branches impede the flow of flood water as well as clearing smaller diameter shrubs and willows. The work is expected to improve the conveyance of water into the reservoir and reduce the potential for upstream flooding. Environmental Science Associates (ESA) has evaluated the area of work for biological resources and has assisted the District in preparing permit applications filed with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. In addition to the task of removing vegetation staff anticipate that ESA will provide support during construction to ensure that the work crews understand the permit conditions and that they receive any necessary training appropriate to the environment where the work will be performed.

At the August 18, 2026 Board meeting, the Board approved the Project and use of capital reserves funding. Approving Amendment No. 2 to the CN 2050 with Forester and Kroeger Inc. will allow the

District to implement the Project in a timely manner. The work is expected to be completed by October 15, 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Nicasio Reservoir Vegetation Management 2026 Project is exempt under CEQA as an existing facility (Section 15301), minor alteration to the land (Section 15304).

FISCAL IMPACT: Staff estimate the costs to perform the Project will be \$483,000 (CN-2050). Funds for Amendment No. 2 will be transferred from capital reserves to increase the approved Capital Budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Forester and Kroeger Inc. CN 2050 Amendment No. 2

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Water Resources	 Paul Sellier Water Resources Director	 Ben Horenstein General Manager