



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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AGENDA ITEM 4

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Minor Amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding with San Mateo Resource Conservation District for the Regional Climate Adaptation Planning Project

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION *dm*

Authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment in the amount of \$1,000 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District to add a presentation to the Board of Directors on the results of the Regional Climate Adaptation Planning Project, for an amended contract total of \$50,999.

SUMMARY

On July 15, 2019, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) under the General Manager's authority to fund a regional climate change adaptation planning project (Project) in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network (SCMSN) and Sempervirens Fund. The District contributed \$49,999 and Sempervirens Fund contributed \$25,001, with the understanding that the project would focus on District managed habitats and be broadly applicable to the larger Santa Cruz Mountains. The Project models the responses of a variety of different habitats to different climate change scenarios. The RCD contracted with EcoAdapt and Pepperwood Institute to deliver the Project. The Project is now largely complete, with the exception of the final written report. The General Manager recommends amending the MOU to provide a presentation to the District's Board of Directors (Board) for an additional contract cost of \$1,000. The Board would benefit from a presentation on the results of the project to inform future policy decisions with climate change impacts in mind. The amended Fiscal Year 2020-21 (FY21) budget includes sufficient funds for this action.

DISCUSSION

The original scope of the climate adaptation project developed by consultants EcoAdapt and Pepperwood Institute includes climate and sensitivity modeling for various habitat types present in the Santa Cruz Mountain region, workshops with District staff and with members of the SCMSN, and written reports of results and recommendations. The modeling and workshops are complete. The final written reports are being prepared. At the workshops, staff received detailed presentations of the modeling methodologies and results from EcoAdapt and Pepperwood Institute.

Because of the relevance to District land management actions in the long-term and Board interest in climate change matters, the General Manager recommends presenting the project results to the

Board once EcoAdapt and Pepperwood Institute have completed their final deliverables. The original Project Statement of Work did not include a Board presentation, which would cost a total of \$1,000 for preparation and delivery. If approved by the Board, an amendment to the MOU with the RCD would increase the contract by this amount to include the Board presentation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are sufficient funds in the amended FY21 budget to cover the cost of the presentation.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

This item was not previously reviewed by a Committee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This item is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the General Manager will execute the amendment allowing EcoAdapt to produce and deliver a presentation to the Board regarding the results of the Regional Climate Adaptation Planning Project. The presentation would occur in May or June of 2021.

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