



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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ALVIN JAMES, DIRECTOR

June 10, 2002

Agenda: June 25, 2002

Board of Supervisors
 County of Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street
 Santa Cruz, California 95060

WATSONVILLE SLOUGHS CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Dear Members of the Board:

On October 24, 2000 your Board approved an independent contractor agreement with Mitchell Swanson Hydrology and Geomorphology for the preparation of the Watsonville Sloughs Conservation and Enhancement Plan (Plan). Funding for the preparation of the Plan was provided through a grant agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy, accepted by your Board on November 2, 1999.

The State Coastal Conservancy is now offering to amend the grant agreement by an additional award in the amount of \$17,320 for the completion of additional tasks necessary to prepare for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review and certification of the Watsonville Sloughs Conservation and Enhancement Plan.

This letter to your Board provides for actions needed by your Board to accept the additional grant funding and an update on the Watsonville Slough Watershed planning process. A Last Day Report will be presented to your Board on June 28, 2002 which provides for the budgetary actions necessary to implement this amendment.

Amendment to Grant Agreement and Contractor's Scope of Work

The State Coastal Conservancy requires the Watsonville Slough Conservation and Enhancement Plan to undergo environmental review for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) certification in order for their agency to provide funds for the implementation of projects recommended by the Plan. The Coastal Conservancy has offered to assist the County by funding the additional tasks needed to complete environmental review of the Plan. The Contractor (Swanson Hydrology and Geomorphology) will complete these tasks and incorporate any needed changes to the Plan before it is finalized. This will allow for project modifications to avoid unnecessary significant impacts to the environment and increased costs associated with implementation of the Plan

The Planning Department has received an amendment to our existing Grant Agreement #99-008 increasing funding in the amount of \$17,320, for a total award of \$217,320. In addition, the amendment provides for an extension to the term of the agreement to September 30, 2002. The grant agreement with the Coastal Conservancy is included for your information as Attachment 1. A resolution accepting the terms of the grant agreement and authorizing the Planning Director to execute and submit all documents necessary for the completion of the project is presented as Attachment 2.

An Amendment to Agreement (Contract No. 02286) between the County of Santa Cruz and Swanson Hydrology and Geomorphology is included as Attachment 3. Changes to the scope of work and budget to prepare the analysis, make modifications and prepare the final Plan are described in the attached Exhibits A and B, respectively).

Update on the Watsonville Sloughs Planning Process

The project study area includes the entire watershed for the Watsonville Sloughs System, an area of approximately 13,000 acres which includes a mix of urban, industrial, rural residential, agricultural and open space lands. The Plan will identify specific measures for the long-term protection and enhancement of the natural resources within the watershed in recognition of agricultural and other land use needs. Because the sloughs are intricately connected to many land use concerns such as water supply, flood control and agricultural drainage, an objective of the plan was to seek ways of improving both ecological and infrastructural functions of the wetlands. Recommendations include both discrete individual restoration projects, and practices or programs to be implemented over time, addressing both short- and long-term needs. The Plan will include strategies for implementation as opportunities, landowner interest and funding sources are identified.

The planning process has been guided by an eight-member steering committee with representatives from the County Planning Department, City of Watsonville, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, Coastal Conservancy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau, Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District and Watsonville Wetlands Watch. Steering committee members have played a pivotal role in the facilitation of the planning process's ambitious public outreach component.

To date, three well-attended community-wide public meetings have been held to gather input on the development of the Plan. In addition, six "focus group" meetings have occurred. These "focus groups" represent groups with distinct geographic and demographic concerns or interests, including agriculture (lower watershed and upper sandy hills and terraces), resource agency staff, rural residential, Pajaro Dunes residents and the environmental community. The consultant has also had numerous other one-on-one meetings with private landowners and resource agency staff throughout the planning process.

In a related, but separately funded and contracted effort, the City of Watsonville is developing a Watsonville Sloughs Trails Master Plan to improve public access and recreation to City owned lands surrounding Watsonville and Struve Sloughs. The Trails

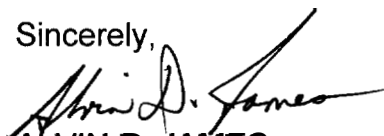
Plan is currently undergoing environmental review. The City has budgeted funds to begin implementation of their Trails Plan. The trail system will provide a wide range of recreational and educational opportunities as well as promoting alternative modes of transportation in residential and commercial areas, while providing protection measures to avoid biological and water quality impacts.

Both the Conceptual Trails Master Plan and the preliminary draft of the first chapters to the Watsonville Slough Conservation and Enhancement Plan (existing conditions, opportunities and constraints and alternatives) can be accessed through the project's website (supported by the City of Watsonville) at www.watsonvilleslough.org. It is anticipated that the draft final Plan will be ready for release for public review and comment approximately one month after the following needed actions.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board take the following actions:

- (1) Adopt the resolution (Attachment 2) accepting an amendment to Grant Agreement No. 99-008 in the amount of \$17,320 from the State Coastal Conservancy; and
- (2) Authorize the Planning Director to execute the grant amendment (Attachment 1); and
- (3) Approve the amendment to agreement and scope of work with Swanson Hydrology and Geomorphology for an additional amount not to exceed \$17,320 (Attachment 4); and
- (5) Authorize the Planning Director to execute the amendment to agreement on behalf of the County.

Sincerely,


ALVIN D. JAMES
 Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:


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County Administrative Officer

Attachments: 1) Grant Amendment Agreement (ADM-29)
 2) Proposed Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement
 3) Amendment to Agreement with Swanson Hydrology and
 Geomorphology

cc: Patsy Heasley, State Coastal Conservancy

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STANDARD AGREEMENT - APPROVED BY THE
STD. (REV. 5-91) ATTORNEY GENERAL

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| CONTRACT NUMBER 99-008 | AM. NO. 2 |
| TAXPAYERS FEDERAL EMPLOYED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 94-6000534 | |

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, _____ in the State of California, by and between State of California, through its duly elected or appointed, qualified and acting

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| TITLE OF OFFICER ACTING FOR STATE Executive Officer | AGENCY State Coastal Conservancy | <i>, hereafter called the State, and</i> |
| CONTRACTOR'S NAME Santa Cruz County | | <i>, hereafter called the Contractor.</i> |

WITNESSETH: That the Contractor for and in consideration of the covenants, conditions, agreements, and stipulations of the State hereinafter expressed, does hereby agree to furnish to the State services and materials as follows: *(Set forth service to be rendered by Contractor, amount to be paid Contractor, time for performance, completion, and attach plans and specifications, if any.)*

The State Coastal Conservancy ("the Conservancy") and Santa Cruz County ("the grantee") agree to amend their existing Agreement No. 99-008 as follows:

(Continued on the following page)

CONTINUED ON _____ SHEETS, EACH BEARING NAME OF CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACT NUMBER.

The provisions on the reverse side hereof constitute a part of this agreement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement has been executed by the parties hereto, upon the date first above written.

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| STATE OF CALIFORNIA | CONTRACTOR |
| AGENCY State Coastal Conservancy | CONTRACTOR <i>(if other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)</i> Santa Cruz County |
| BY (AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE) ▶ | BY (AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE) ▶ |
| PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Samuel Schuchat | PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING Alvin James, Planning Director |
| TITLE Executive Officer | ADDRESS 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 |

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| AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT \$17,320.00 | PROGRAM/CATEGORY (CODE AND TITLE) Capital Outlay | FUND/TITLE HCF/Federal Trust | <i>Department of General Services Use Only</i> | |
| PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS CONTRACT \$200,000.00 | (OPTIONAL USE) Watsonville Sloughs Watershed Plan | I Certify that this grant amendment is exempt from department of General Services approval. | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE \$217,320.00 | ITEM | CHAPTER | STATUTE | FISCAL YEAR |
| | 3760-301-0262(1) = \$100,000.00 | 324 | 1998 | 98/99 |
| | 3760-301-0890(1) = \$100,000.00 | 324 | 1998 | 98/99 |
| | 3760-301-0262 = \$17,320.00 | 324 | 1998 | 98/99 |
| | OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE (CODE AND TITLE) Enhancement | | | |

I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.

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| SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER | T.B.A. NO. | B.R. NO. |
| DATE | | |

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Santa Cruz County
Grant Agreement No. 99-008, Amendment No. 2
Page 2

SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The amount in this section is changed to two hundred seventeen thousand three hundred-twenty dollars (\$217,320). These funds shall be used to prepare analysis and documents necessary under the California Environmental Quality Act for adoption and implementation of the enhancement plan.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

The date in paragraph two, line one of this section is changed to January 15,2003 (the "termination date").

The date in paragraph two, line three of this section is changed to September 30,2002 ("the completion date").

All other terms and conditions of the existing agreement shall remain in effect.

**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT**

ATTACHMENT 1
0340

TO: Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Office
Auditor Controller

FROM: Planning (Department)
BY: [Signature] (Signature) 5/8/02 (Date)
Signature certifies that appropriations/revenues are available

AGREEMENT TYPE (Check One)

Expenditure Agreement

Revenue Agreement

The Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to approve the attached agreement and authorize the execution of same.

1. Said agreement is between the Santa Cruz County Planning Department (Department/Agency)
Slate Coastal Conservancy
and 1330 Broadway, 11th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612 (Name/Address)

2. The agreement will provide funds for the reimbursement of costs incurred for the preliminary environmental review and final document preparation for the Watsonville Sloughs Conservation and Enhancement Plan.

3. Period of the agreement is from July, 2002 to June 30, 2003

4. Anticipated Costs \$ 17,320. Fixed Monthly Rate Annual Rate Not to Exceed

Remarks: -

5. & tail: On Continuing Agreements List for PI _____ Page CC- _____ Contract No: 441-99 OR 1st Time Agreement
 Section II No Board letter required, will be listed under Item 8
 Section III Board letter required
 Section IV Revenue Agreement

6. Appropriations/Revenues are available and are budgeted in 135461 (Index) 894 (Sub object)

NOTE: IF APPROPRIATIONS ARE INSUFFICIENT, ATTACHED COMPLETED AUD-74 OR AUD-60

Appropriations are not available and N/A have been not encumbered.

Contract No: R 441
By: [Signature] Date: 05/09/02
Auditor-Controller Deputy

INCREASE TO PRIOR AGREEMENT

Proposal and accounting detail reviewed and approved. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement and authorize Planning Director (Dept/Agency Head) to execute on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Planning Department (Department/Agency)

Date: 5-10-02

By: [Signature]
County Administrative Office

Distribution:
Board of Supervisors - White
Auditor Controller - Canary
Auditor-Controller - Pink
Department - Gold

I, _____ ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing request for approval of agreement was approved by said Board of Supervisors as recommended by the County Administrative Office by an order duly entered in the minutes of said Board on _____ 20__

ADM - 29 (8/01)
Title II, Section 300 Proc Man

By: Deputy clerk

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER USE ONLY

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| Auditor Description | Amount | Index | Sub object | User Code | |

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

0341

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following Resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$17,320 FROM THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE
REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND FINAL
DOCUMENT PREPARATION OF THE WATSONVILLE SLOUGHS CONSERVATION AND
ENHANCEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the State Coastal Conservancy is offering an amendment to grant agreement No. 99-008 in the amount of \$17,320 for the reimbursement of costs incurred by Santa Cruz County for the preliminary environmental review and final document preparation of Watsonville Sloughs Conservation and Enhancement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz is willing to enter into the amendment to grant agreement with the State of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by adoption of this resolution hereby agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in the grant agreement and authorizes the Director of the Planning Department as agent of the County to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

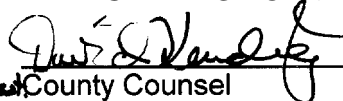
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 199__, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel, County Administrative Office, Auditor-Controller, Coastal Conservancy

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

ATTACHMENT 3

TO: Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Office
Auditor Controller

FROM: Planning (Department)
BY: [Signature] (Signature) 5/8/02 (Date)
Signature certifies that appropriations/revenues are available

AGREEMENT TYPE (Check One) Expenditure Agreement Revenue Agreement

The Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to approve the attached agreement and authorize the execution of same.

1. Said agreement is between the Santa Cruz County Planning Department (Department/Agency)
and Swanson Hydrology and Geomorphology, 115 Limekiln St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Name/Address)

2. The agreement will provide funds for the preliminary environmental review and final document preparation for the Watsonville Sloughs Conservation and Enhancement Plan

3. Period of the agreement is from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002-2003

4. Anticipated Cost is \$ 17,320. Fixed Monthly Rate Annual Rate Not to Exceed

Remarks: to be placed on continuing agreements list for FY2002-03

5. Detail: On Continuing Agreements List for FY _____, Page CC-_____, Contract No: _____ OR 1st Time Agreement
 Section II No Board letter required, will be listed under Item 8
 Section III Board letter required
 Section IV Revenue Agreement

6. Appropriations/Revenues are available and are budgeted in 135462 135461 (Index) 3665 (Sub object)

NOTE: IF APPROPRIATIONS ARE INSUFFICIENT, ATTACHED COMPLETED AUD-74 OR AUD-60

Appropriations are available and have been encumbered.
are not N/A will be

Contract No: 22286 22286
By: [Signature] Date: 05/09/02
Auditor-Controller Deputy

SUBJECT TO 02-03 BUDGET APPROVAL

Proposal and accounting detail reviewed and approved. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement and authorize

Planning Director (Dept/Agency Head) to execute on behalf of the Santa Cruz Planning Department (Department/Agency)

Date: 5/10/02 By: [Signature]
County Administrative Office

Distribution:

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State of California
County of Santa Cruz
I, _____ ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing request for approval of agreement was approved by said Board of Supervisors as recommended by the County Administrative Office by an order duly entered in the minutes of said Board on _____ 20__

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By: Deputy Clerk

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AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

The parties hereto agree to amend that certain Agreement dated October 24, 2000 by and between the COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ and Swanson Hydrology & Geomorphology, by extending the ending date of the agreement to June 30, 2003 and increasing the budget by an amount not to exceed \$17,320.00 as specified in the scope of work and budget (Exhibits A and B, respectively).

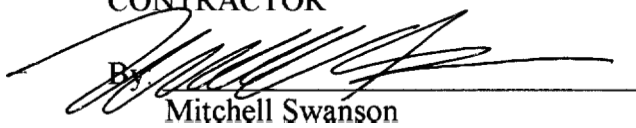
All other provisions of said Agreement shall remain the same.

Dated: _____

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

By: _____
Planning Director

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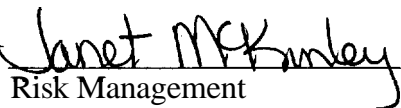
By:  _____

Mitchell Swanson

Address: 115 Limekiln Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

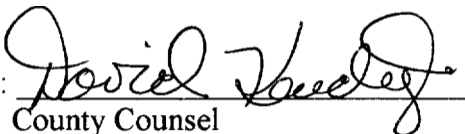
Telephone: (831) 427-0288

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:

By:  _____
Risk Management

Date: 5-5-2002 _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:  _____
County Counsel

Date: 5/1/02 _____

- DISTRIBUTION:
- County Administrative Office
 - Auditor-Controller
 - County Counsel
 - Risk Management**
 - Planning Department
 - Contractor

*115 Limekiln Street Santa Cruz, California USA 95060
phone 531-427-0288 / fax 427-0472 / email: swanson@swansonhZo.com*

Scope of Services
between
Swanson Hydrology & Geomorphology
and
County of Santa Cruz Planning Department
for
Professional Services
to complete the
Watsonville Sloughs Watershed Resource Conservation and Enhancement Plan

Introduction

The Watsonville Sloughs Watershed Resource Conservation and Enhancement Plan (WSCEP) identified strategies for achieving natural resource protection and enhancement goals including policy recommendations, projects and an implementation plan. The WSCEP has accounted for a wide range of technical and socio-economic factors in its development, including stakeholders workshops and document reviews. The WSCEP must receive California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) certification to qualify for future funding by the California Coastal Conservancy for the implementation of recommended projects. Santa Cruz County, as lead agency is responsible for the environmental review. To support the finding for a Negative Declaration the environmental effects of the proposed actions in the WSCEP must not have any significant environmental impacts. In order to accomplish this, the final recommendations and project planning process in the WSCEP must be reviewed by CEQA standards and, if necessary, finalized to reduce impact severity, if such impacts exist.

The following tasks identify the SH&G's consultants' services necessary to assist the County Planning Department in completing the CEQA analysis and in preparing the final WSCEP documents.

Task 1: Assist County in WSCEP Impact Assessment and preparation of CEQA Initial Study

SH&G will assist County staff in an analysis of projects and the alternative analysis to identify potential impacts and in developing project design strategies that could reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. SH&G will assist in the preparation of the final project setting, existing conditions and project description and in the preparation of a project initial study.

Task 2: Revise and Prepare Draft Final WSCEP and Demonstration Projects

After CEQA Initial Study Analysis, SH&G will prepare the draft final recommendations chapter with CEQA design modifications and conceptual level designs for the proposed demonstration projects. SH&G will prepare conceptual level demonstration projects for four projects utilizing designs to reduce significant impact triggers. The designs shall include site basemaps showing existing and proposed conditions, typical profiles and details as necessary to show the proposed action, and narrative descriptions of each project, including objectives, design features and function, construction methodologies and monitoring plans.

- 1) Larkin Valley (Lees-Jones Property) Stream Stabilization Erosion Control and Habitat Management Project
- 2) Middle Watsonville Slough Engineering Feasibility and Planning Study Scope of Work
- 3) Upper Watsonville Slough (Old City Dump) Wetlands Restoration Project
- 4) Upper Harkins Slough/Larkin Valley Habitat and Drainage Management Plan Problem Identification and Scope of Work

The recommendations and demonstration projects documents will be circulated for review by stakeholders and agencies.

Task 3: Prepare final documents

SH&G will prepare the final recommendations chapter and final conceptual demonstration project designs based upon revisions prepared by the County to reflect the comments from agency review. SH&G will produce one reproducible master hardcopy and one CD-ROM with a digital file in Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf file) of all final documents.

Task 4: Meetings and Project Administration

SH&G will prepare and conduct the following meetings with Stakeholders:

- 1) Middle Watsonville Sloughs Stakeholders
- 2) Stakeholders meeting 2 (TBD)

All other meetings will be conducted on a time and materials request basis at the same labor and expense rates and will be drawn from contingency funds.

| Watsonville Sloughs Conservation and Enhancement Plan | | | | | | | | | |
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| | hourly rates> | | | | | Sum | | | |
| | Principal Geomorphologist | Senior Associate | Associate | Senior Engineer | Associate Engineer | | Technical Associate | | |
| Task 1: Assist with CEQA Assessment | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$800 | | | |
| Task 2: Prepare Draft Final WSCEP | 20 | 8 | 0 | 16 | 16 | \$6,320 | | | |
| Task 3: Prepare Final Documents | 16 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 | \$3,600 | | | |
| Task 4: Stakeholders Meetings | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$1,600 | | | |
| Totals | 60 | 8 | 0 | 24 | 24 | \$12,320 | | | |
| Contingency | | | | | | \$5,000 | | | |
| Total | | | | | | \$17,320 | | | |