



TITLE

Wetland Restoration and Public Access Project (PR26-0100)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution awarding a Professional Services Agreement to Environmental Science Associates in an amount not to exceed \$1,237,057 for design, environmental review, and permitting services for the American Canyon Wetland Restoration and Public Access Project (PR26-0100).

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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The City of American Canyon has been working toward restoration of the Napa River wetlands and enhancement of public access opportunities along the Bay Trail corridor for many years. In 2024, the City Council adopted the American Canyon Wetlands Restoration Plan, which identified priority restoration and public access improvements within the North Slough and lower Napa River shoreline area.

On June 6, 2025, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) awarded the City a Measure AA grant in the amount of \$1,200,000 to support the next phase of project development. The grant funding will support completion of technical studies, preparation of 30 percent and 60 percent design documents, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, preparation of draft regulatory permit applications, and public outreach activities associated with the project.

To implement this work, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified consulting firms with expertise in wetland restoration design, shoreline habitat enhancement, and regulatory permitting in the San Francisco Bay region.

The City received two proposals in response to the RFP. Proposals were evaluated by a staff review committee based on the criteria outlined in the RFP, which included:

- Understanding of the project and proposed approach
- Experience and qualifications of the project team

- Ability to perform the required technical studies, environmental documentation, and permitting coordination
- Project schedule and management approach
- Cost proposal

Following evaluation of the proposals, Environmental Science Associates (ESA) received the highest overall score and was determined to be the most qualified firm to perform the work. ESA demonstrated extensive experience in wetland restoration design, environmental permitting, and habitat enhancement projects throughout the San Francisco Bay region, including projects involving Bay Trail improvements and tidal wetland restoration.

Although ESA was not the lowest cost proposer, the evaluation committee determined that ESA provided the best overall value to the City based on the firm's experience with similar restoration projects, the qualifications of the proposed project team, and the strength of the proposed technical and permitting approach.

ESA's proposal includes preparation of baseline technical studies, development of 30 percent and 60 percent design documents, CEQA documentation, preparation of draft permit applications, and coordination with regulatory agencies. The work will support future phases of the project, which may include final design, permitting approvals, and construction of restoration and public access improvements.

COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Environmental Sustainability: "Demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability."

FISCAL IMPACT

The American Canyon Wetland Restoration and Public Access Project (PR26-0100) is included in the Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget. Funding is provided through a San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) Measure AA grant in the amount of \$1,200,000, which was accepted by City Council on July 15, 2025.

Additional project funding in the amount of \$337,000 is provided through the Parks Impact Fee Fund (Fund 310) as part of the approved Capital Improvement Program budget for the project.

The Consultant's proposal included a baseline cost of \$1,199,990 with three optional tasks for an amount of \$37,067 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,237,057. The optional tasks are included in the requested authorization amount to Council, but will only be added to the contract through an amendment authorized by the City Manager.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The recommended action to award a professional services agreement is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because it

is an administrative action related to planning and design services.

Environmental review for the project will be completed through preparation of a CEQA document as part of the consultant's scope of work.

COMMUNICATION

Level 3: Broad Communication

Community and Tribal Outreach is one of many tasks included in the project and will be coordinated with the City Communications Team.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution - Design of Wetlands Restoration and Public Access](#)
2. [ESA Proposal American Canyon Wetland Restoration](#)
3. [ESA Cost Proposal](#)