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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

Item Number: 1.13

MEETING DATE: 05/12/2026

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Ramesh Pandurangan

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Deems Katada

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PUBLIC WORKS - D. KATADA

1. Approve Amendment # 5 with Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc., to extend the contract term through June 30, 2027 related to the Union Road Bridge Replacement Project over San Benito River ; and
2. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer, or designee to approve the said Contract Amendment.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 105.3

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

This project is funded under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Bridge Program (HBP) and was initiated after federal funds were obligated by FHWA to fund the project in 2007 to replace the existing bridge structure on Union Road spanning the San Benito River that is deemed to be structurally deficient and scour critical as the foundation have been subject to severe erosion. The new structure as proposed will be constructed based on the current design and construction standards as well as current site requirements. It will be constructed along a new alignment to the south from the existing location. The existing structure will remain to carry the existing traffic during the construction of the new structure and then removed once the new structure is built and traffic diverted onto it. The programmed total construction phase cost is currently estimated at \$47.6 million consisting of \$42.1 million federal grant and \$5.5 million local matching share.

Project delays have occurred during the development of the preliminary engineering phase of this project as follows:(1) The project reached the 95% complete level in 2011 but then had to be redesigned due to additional seismic considerations as required by Caltrans based on their reevaluation of the project Geo-

technical report to include revising the fault line location and increasing lateral fault rupture and creep movements with vertical movement. The redesign resulted in additional costs as well as an extension of the completion date. (2) The project then stalled after 2015 as the design consultant contract with Biggs Cardosa expired resulting in project delays as the project experienced key staff turnover, consultant contractual issues and non-compliance issues with Caltrans procedures. (3) On May 31, 2017, County Resource Management Agency (RMA) staff terminated Original Contract #2 because the contract did not go through the public bidding process. On April 11, 2017, this board approved a resolution that (a) found that it was in the public's best interest to continue using the services of Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc., and (b) directed the RMA Director to negotiate and enter into a new contract with Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc. to restart the project and to continue providing professional engineering services to complete the project. On December 11, 2018, with consultant contract and Caltrans compliance issues resolved, this board approved a new contract with Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc. (4) On September 14, 2021, this Board approved Amendment No.1 to the new contract for additional services including implementation of new storm-water treatment requirements, utilities coordination and potholing, additional right-of-way coordination, coordination and construction document work pertaining to environmental permitting, and construction support. (5) On June 28, 2022, this Board approved Amendment No. 2 for additional services related to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) re-validation process and required updates to construction documents, including bird nest exclusion and bat exclusion services; NEPA Re-validation Memo; final coordination between geotechnical, hydraulics and structural regarding scour and RSP; final updates to the Final Foundation Report for retaining wall design updates, scour and final design loads; additional right of way and surveying services; additional utility coordination; bi-weekly coordination meetings; and additional project management services, due to extension of the project schedule. (6) On January 16, 2024, this Board approved Amendment No. 3 for development of plans and specifications for the on-call contract for bird and bat netting installation; bat exclusion and nesting bird deterrence services; miscellaneous updates to plans and specifications between submittal of the Bid set and the start of the bidding process; additional utility coordination effort, and coordination with PG&E for temporary power at the Union Road/San Benito Street intersection; additional permit coordination effort; additional project management services due to extension of the project schedule by 7 months; and additional construction support services for structural, roadway, drainage and utility construction work. (7) On August 27, 2024, the board approved amendment # 4, in an amount not to exceed \$218,000.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,719,975.50. (8) This amendment # 5 is to extend the timeline of the project for another 1-year term until 06/30/2027 with no changes to cost or scope.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

Budget Line Item # 210.70.2020.1211.650.201

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Amendment # 5 with Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc., to extend the contract term through June 30, 2027 related to the replacement of Union Road Bridge over San Benito River ; and
2. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer, or designee to approve the said Contract Amendment.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Amendment #5 Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc. - Union Rd Bridge Amendment #5 - Biggs Cardosa - Union Road Bridge Project](#)