



Memorandum

Date: September 19, 2024
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to contract with Waterways Inc. to provide design and engineering services for the Johnston Ranch Water Supply and Habitat Enhancement Project

Staff recommends the board of directors approves contracting with Waterways Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$650,000 to provide design and engineering services for the Johnston Ranch Water Supply and Habitat Enhancement Project.

The project will protect streamflow in Arroyo Leon Creek, improve habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife, and improve water security and drought resilience for the agricultural operations at Johnston Ranch. Specifically, it will expand the capacity of an existing pond from 1 to 13 acre-feet and construct a new off-stream irrigation reservoir with a storage capacity of 15 acre-feet.

Waterways Inc. completed concept-level designs for the Johnston Ranch Water Supply and Habitat Enhancement Project in May 2024 and is currently completing geotechnical and hydrologic analyses. The proposed new work is to complete 65% designs, finalize 100% designs, prepare associated reports, and provide engineering oversight during construction.

On December 15, 2022 this board of directors approved a list of 19 firms that had responded to a publicly distributed Request for Qualifications as eligible for contracts to provide professional services to support integrated watershed restoration. Waterways Inc. is among the list of approved firms. Per the procurement policy adopted in May of 2023, contracting for consulting services for an amount over \$200,000 requires approval by the board of directors.

Exhibit B Project Site-Scale Map

