

## Metropolitan Transportation Commission

### Administration Committee

December 11, 2024

Agenda Item 2d-24-1471

#### **Contract (Sole Source)- State Route 37- Strip Marsh East Technical Studies, Project Selection to Construction: National Audubon Society (\$949,148)**

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##### **Subject:**

Authorization to negotiate and enter into a sole source contract with the National Audubon Society in an amount not to exceed \$949,148 to support the development of the Strip Marsh East ecological enhancement as part of State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project ('Project').

##### **Background:**

The Strip Marsh East (SME) Unit of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge is being planned for "rehabilitation" of its degraded emergent tidal marsh to restore and establish a variety of ecological functions and to preserve and improve its role as "natural infrastructure" that protects State Route 37 from flooding and shoreline erosion now and into the future with rising sea levels. This nature-based solution is consistent with the state and federal adaptation strategies- providing interim resilience to State Route 37 and to baylands ecosystem to provide us to develop and fund the long-term sea level project in this section of the corridor. The contract will complete the technical studies needed to inform project design, the completion of project design (100%), inform and support permitting and construction to bid selection, and to support outreach and project coordination.

This is a sole source contract with the consultant team led by the National Audubon Society, based on the team's specific experience and knowledge of the local strip marsh ecology and restoration process. This team led the Sonoma Creek West strip marsh adjacent to Strip Marsh East, developed the conceptual Strip Marsh East ecological enhancement, and are leading the technical investigations that support environmental clearance of Strip Marsh East. The proposed contract will cover work needed to take the project through design up to construction, a period, for a period of up to three (3) years.

The National Audubon Society is neither a disadvantaged business enterprise nor a small business enterprise.

**Issues:**

None identified

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a sole source contract in an amount not to exceed \$949,148 with the National Audubon Society for State Route 37- Strip Marsh East Technical Studies, Project Selection to Construction.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status
- Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Contract Approval



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Attachment A

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status

	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>Role on Project</b>	<b>DBE* Yes / No</b>	<b>If DBE Yes, List #</b>	<b>SBE** Yes / No</b>	<b>If SBE Yes, List #</b>
Prime Contractor	National Audubon Society, Inc	Project Management/Avian Surveys and Restoration Design	No		No	
Subcontractor	Siegel Environmental, LLC	Estuarine Science Lead	No		Yes	1795178
Subcontractor	Gillenwater Consulting, LLC	Ecosystem Restoration/Design	No		No	
	Northgate Environmental Management, Inc	Soils Analysis	Yes	41085	Yes	
	Moffatt and Nichol, Inc	Hydrodynamic Modeling	No		No	
	Outset Advisors, LLC	Cost Estimating and Construction Approaches	No		Yes	2035140
	Peter Baye	Botany Restoration/Design	No		No	

Restoration Design Group, Inc	Restoration Design	No		No	
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\*Denotes certification by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

\*\*Denotes certification by the State of California.

**Request for Committee Approval**

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**Summary of Proposed Contract Approval**

Work Item No.: 2664

Consultant: National Audubon Society  
New York, New York

Work Project Title: State Route 37- Strip Marsh East Technical Studies, Project Selection to Construction

Purpose of Project: To design nature-based resilience to near-term sea level rise and storm surge and to enhance the San Pablo baylands, as part of the near-term State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project

Brief Scope of Work: Provide final design services, inform and support permitting, and support outreach and project coordination.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$949,148

Funding Source: Regional Measure 3

Fiscal Impact: Funding is included in the FY 2024/25 agency budget

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract approval with National Audubon Society for the State Route 37- Strip Marsh East Technical Studies, Project Selection to Construction above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated December 11, 202 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$949,148 for such approval.

Administration Committee:

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Gina Papan, Chair

Approved: December 11, 2024