



A Tradition of Stewardship  
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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director  
Health & Human Services Operations  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Manager - 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Conservation Corps.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Conservation Corps of North Bay, Inc., for a maximum of \$130,550 for the term May 1, 2015 through October 15, 2015 to provide field work, career exploration and work readiness training to local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligible and other non-WIA at-risk youth.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of the recommended action will enable Conservation Corps North Bay to provide conservation field work, career exploration and work readiness training to local at-risk youth participants. The Conservation Corps North Bay will provide youth with ecology-based work experience opportunities through crew-based projects that emphasize ecology and the environment. The goal of the project is to assist at-risk Napa County youth and young adults to obtain long-term academic and employment success and to provide a means to develop the potential of youth as citizens, employees and leaders in the community.

Conservation Corps North Bay, Inc. is not a local vendor.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Self Sufficiency Services - Workforce Investment Act

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Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This contract will provide a unique work experience for youth that will, through crew-based projects, emphasize ecology and the environment, benefit the community, give participants a sense of accomplishment, instill a strong work ethic, encourage the youth to return to school, promote youth participation in society, strengthen participants' understanding of the connection between education and occupational skills, and foster the acquisition of transferable job skills to enhance participants' future employability.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This contract is not scheduled to auto-renew and will be re-evaluated and created again if needed next year.
Consequences if not approved:	If this contract is not approved, we could be at risk of underutilizing our Youth subgrant money from the Workforce Investment Act. Unspent money at the end of a subgrant period can be reclaimed by the state and could reduce future subgrant allocations.
Additional Information:	

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Napa Youth Ecology Corps (NYEC) is a collaborative project that involves the Napa-Lake Workforce Investment Board (NLWIB), the Napa County Self-Sufficiency Division-Workforce Investment Act Program, the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (NCFCWCD), the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District (NCRPOSD), California Conservation Corps (CCC), and Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB).

The NYEC project will provide valuable work experience, as well as key career exploration and job readiness skill development to Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligible and other at-risk 18-24 year old youth and young adults while completing important conservation projects in Napa County such as invasive plant removal, stream clearing, planting and general park maintenance.

The County will contract directly with the CCNB for the entire amount of the contract and separate agreements will be entered in to with the worksite partners, NCFCWCD and NCRPOSD, who will reimburse the County for approximately one-half of CCNB's costs. The funding agreements will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Additionally, the California Conservation Corps will provide employment opportunities to successful NYEC graduates who wish to continue with conservation type work.

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leanne Link