BOARD REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On February 19, 2019, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with De Novo Planning Group for the development of a comprehensive update of the Glenn County General Plan, Nuisance Abatement and Zoning Codes, and the associated Environmental Impact Report. Background information has been researched and produced on existing conditions in Glenn County related to the General Plan and a General Plan Advisory Committee has been formed to assist in the development of the updated plan.

In October of 2019, the Planning and Community Development Services Agency (PCDSA) was given a notice to proceed retroactively dated to September 23, 2019 for a $100,000 grant awarded through the Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to update the Circulation Element of the General Plan. As most of the baseline work had been completed, PCDSA staff found that there would be additional funding from the grant available for the Circulation Element update. Also, there was a need to develop local implementation of the requirements of Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) which, among other things, amended the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to require traffic analysis on projects using vehicle miles traveled (VMT) versus the current level of service metric. The development of these local guidelines will facilitate future development in Glenn County.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Chairman of the Glenn County Board of Supervisors to execute Amendment No. 1 to the existing contract with De Novo Planning Group, for the additional tasks and analysis for the implementation of SB 743 and development of vehicle miles traveled thresholds as part of the update of the Circulation Element of the General Plan.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:

California Government Code Section 65300 requires that each city and county adopt a "comprehensive, long-term General Plan for the physical development of the county or city, and any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgment bears relation to its planning."

Glenn County last adopted an update to its General Plan in June 1993. Subsequent to this update, the zoning code was also revised to reflect the adopted plan and related policies. The zoning code also underwent a major reorganization in January 2006; however, much of the content generally remained the same in order to maintain consistency with the policies of the 1993 General Plan.
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The Glenn County Board of Supervisors committed funding and approved the consultant contract on February 19, 2019 for the update of the Glenn County General Plan.

**FISCAL / PERSONNEL IMPACT(S):**

The current contract, including all optional tasks has a cost of $794,805. This includes all work required for a General Plan and Zoning Code, update of the Housing Element of the General Plan, and an option to develop a five-year strategic plan. This cost is being allocated over three fiscal years due to the amount of time required to hold necessary public outreach, public hearings, environmental review, and review by responsible agencies. The additional work related to SB 743 to be included in the Circulation Element of the General Plan will cost an additional $69,600 for a total contract of $864,405 (including all options. The SB1 planning grant of $100,000 will cover these costs as well as those of the original scope of work for the Circulation Element. The required matching funds for the grant will come from funding already allocated for the update of the General Plan. No additional general funds will be required.

**ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION:**

PCDSA has been working with the consultant, De Novo Planning Group, over the past year on the update of the General Plan. PCDSA has also been looking for funding to enhance the plan so that it can be leveraged to develop other short-range policy documents, better identify development priorities, and facilitate future development of all types within Glenn County. The additional work related to SB 743 will allow PCDSA staff to apply the new CEQA requirements appropriately to development in the county avoiding any undue burden to applicants providing VMT studies of their own and allowing more efficient processing of development applications.