



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: General Services Department

Subject: Government Broadcasting Revitalization Project Design Contract Amendment

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Formal Title: Approve amendment to agreement with William Fisher Architecture, increasing the contract amount by \$35,127.20 for the Government Broadcasting Revitalization Project, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Approve first amendment to contract 25C5004 with William Fisher Architecture increasing compensation by \$35,127.20 for the Government Broadcasting Revitalization Project; and
2. Direct the Director of General Services to sign and execute the amendment on behalf of the County.

Executive Summary

The amendment to the design contract with William Fisher Architecture for the Government Broadcasting Revitalization Project is necessary to authorize specialized acoustic measurements and additional design development required to finalize the construction documents. These services are essential to ensure the project meets performance standards for sound quality, functionality, and technical integration within the remodeled Board of Supervisors Chamber.

Discussion

On November 19, 2024, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of General Services to execute Contract No. 25C5004 with William Fisher Architecture for professional design services associated with the Government Broadcasting Revitalization Project located in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. As the design phase progressed, the project team identified an unanticipated and critical need for a localized air conditioning system to serve the media and equipment room—an area that was not included in the original scope of work. This system is essential to ensure the proper functioning and longevity of sensitive audiovisual and broadcasting equipment that will be housed in the space.

Approval of the proposed contract amendment will provide the necessary authority and funding for the design team to incorporate this modification into the construction documents, thereby ensuring that the final design fully supports the operational and technical requirements of the Chamber. This amendment will help avoid potential delays during construction and mitigate the risk of future retrofits that could be more costly and disruptive.

Financial Impact

The Government Broadcasting Revitalization Project is solely funded with Public Government and Education (PEG) Fee funds which are restricted to capital improvements and equipment purchases directly related to broadcasting public access programming like meetings of government bodies. The Capital Fund has sufficient appropriations supported by PEG funds to incur the additional services outlined in the amendment (GL Key 191601 Object 86110).

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure, Community Voices & Partnership

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.