



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**  
County Manager's Office

**DATE:** October 13, 2015  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** October 20, 2015  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jim Eggemeyer, Director, Office of Sustainability  
Reyna Farrales, Deputy County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Use of District-Specific Measure A Funds – Supervisorial District 3

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution approving the use of Measure A funds for Coravai LLC to conduct a Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science (YESS) Pilot Project in San Mateo County high schools, and authorizing the Director of the Office of Sustainability, or his designee, to prepare and execute the agreement.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Measure A is the ten-year half-cent general sales tax approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012. The Board and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for Measure A spending.

On March 17, 2015, your Board adopted the Measure A allocation plan for the FY 2015-17 budget, during which the County anticipates Measure A receipts of about \$80 million annually. The plan included \$5 million in one-time loans or grants for FY 2015-16, and \$1 million each year for FY 2015-16 and 2016-17, divided equally among the five Board districts, for organizations that submitted Letters of Intent that were not funded or, in cases of emergencies or unforeseen circumstances, other one-time projects for organizations that did not submit a Letter of Intent. On April 28, 2015, your Board approved criteria and process to be used by staff to administer these funds. In accordance with such criteria, District 3 has submitted a request to use Measure A funds as shown below and in the attachment hereto:

<b>District/Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
District 3 (Don Horsley) – Coravai LLC: Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science (YESS) Pilot Project	\$12,000

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are sufficient Measure A funds budgeted in Non-Departmental Services FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget for this purpose.

ATTACHMENT – Project Summary

**DISTRICT 3 (Supervisor Don Horsley)**  
**FY 2015-17 Measure A Request**  
**Coravai LLC**  
**Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science (YESS) Pilot Project**  
**\$12,000 one-time**

This is a \$12,000 one-time request to address: 1) low levels of diversity and engagement in long-term community planning projects; 2) the lack of locally-appropriate climate change education opportunities for high school science students; and 3) the need to engage more communities in the Office of Sustainability's Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and Community Task Force through creative public outreach.

In consideration for the County's \$12,000 payment, Coravai LLC will provide the following services, among others, in connection with the Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science (YESS) Pilot Project:

- Recruit and train 3-5 high school teachers and secure one participating school on the Bay and one on the Coast in San Mateo County for the 2016-17 school year;
- Provide a method for teachers and students to participate in field sessions, during which students will collect data on flooding extent, asset locations and elevations, and other key information for use in the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment, and will complete interviews with community leaders and community members living in at-risk locations;
- Organize community presentation options for students to do public speaking on sea level rise science and policy;
- Support students in preparing for and delivering community presentations and conducting interviews;
- Engage with at least one local artist to promote creative public engagement working with youth in the YESS program, the Game of Floods activity (developed by Marin County), and/or the Community Task Force to raise awareness of the San Mateo County Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment, the Office of Sustainability, and SeaChangeSMC.com ;
- Produce and provide 500-1000 public awareness promotion items to youth and community participants of outreach events, such as beach safety whistle or t-shirts with YESS and/or SeaChangeSMC.com themed message

The parties will utilize the County's standard contract form and the Office of Sustainability will work with Coravai staff on a detailed scope of work, performance objectives and reporting, and payment schedule for the County's Measure A funds in the agreement. The term of the contract will be from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017.