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Board of Supervisors County of El Dorado 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

> Re: Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Contract with Science Applications International Corporation for Biological Consulting Services

Honorable Supervisors:

#### **Recommendation:**

County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached Amendment No. 4 to the contract with SAIC for biological consulting services to extend the termination date of said contract from July 31, 2011, to July 31, 2012.

#### **Reasons for Recommendation:**

On August 26, 2008, the Board approved a contract with SAIC for biological consulting services to support the County in preliminary negotiations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game regarding modifications to our rare plant mitigation program. We had anticipated this phase of the negotiations to have been completed by now and we would have moved on to the formal process of obtaining the necessary federal and state approvals necessary to guarantee that development may proceed in conformance with the program. We anticipated a new contract with SAIC for that phase of the work. Therefore, we originally included a contract expiration date of July 31, 2009 in the contract. That contract termination date was extended to July 31, 2011. We are still in the preliminary discussion phase, but moving toward a more formal process.

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SAIC involvement in the process is vital to its advancement. Therefore, it is necessary to extend the expiration date of the contract. There is no increase in compensation.

## Fiscal Impact:

None.

### **Actions to Be Taken After Board Approval:**

Continue to monitor the contract.

We would be pleased to answer any questions the Board may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Att.

Cc: Paul Cylinder, SAIC

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