



September 3, 2025

Emma Patten
Senior Planner, Department of Community Development
County of Sacramento
via email: epatten@saccounty.net

Subject: Upper Westside Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report –Budget Augment Request No. 7

Dear Ms. Patten,

The UWSP applicant team is exploring the option of having the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company (NCMWC) provide potable water supply to the project. The County has requested the ESA team provide a scope and cost to revise the UWSP Final EIR to include a new alternative in which the UWSP project would receive potable water supply from this source. In addition, the County received several letters on the project prior to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors hearing scheduled for August 20, 2025, and has requested that the ESA team provide responses to the comments contained in those letters.

For the purposes of this scope and budget, we have assumed that revision of the UWSP Final EIR to include a new alternative in which potable water would be supplied from the NCMWC would require recirculation pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5. As a result, we are requesting a budget augment to not only cover the development and analysis of the new alternative, but also to cover responses to comments on the partially recirculated EIR, attendance of the project's hearing before the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, and project management through January 2026. In addition, our budget augment request also includes the effort needed to respond to comments contained in the letters received prior to the scheduled Sacramento County Board of Supervisors hearing.

Current Budget Status

The table below shows the current status of ESA's budget, by task, with the percentage expended of each task's budget shown.

Table 1: ESA Budget Status (as of August 29, 2025)

Task No.	Task Description	Budget	Job-to-Date Spent	Budget Remaining	Budget Percent Expended
1	Project Management	\$211,128	\$211,503	-\$375	99%
2	Admin Draft EIR	\$324,986	\$324,971	\$15	100%
3	Screencheck Draft EIR	\$133,511	\$133,447	\$64	100%
4	Draft EIR	\$86,034	\$86,034	\$0	100%
5	Admin Draft Final EIR	\$297,280	\$297,380	-\$100	100%
6	Final EIR	\$78,550	\$79,067	-\$517	101%
7	Approval Hearings	\$10,280	\$12,203	-\$1,923	119%
8	Subconsultant - ALH	\$17,250	\$15,629	\$1,621	91%

Task No.	Task Description	Budget	Job-to-Date Spent	Budget Remaining	Budget Percent Expended
9	Expenses	\$4,663	\$867	\$3,796	19%
	Contingency	\$1,088	\$1,088	\$0	100%
TOTAL		\$1,164,770	\$1,162,189	\$2,581	99%

As shown above, we have exceeded the full amount of our project management, Admin Draft Final EIR, and Final EIR budgets as well as our budget to attend approval hearings. A total of \$2,581 was available as of August 29, 2025, and those limited funds are being currently used to support our recent and ongoing discussions with the County and UWSP applicant team.

Funds Request

We are requesting funds to replenish the Final EIR budget to cover preparation of a water supply alternative, partial recirculation of the EIR, and responses to comments on the partially recirculated EIR. In addition, we are requesting funds to replenish our project management and hearing attendance budgets and to respond to comments contained in the letters received prior to the scheduled Sacramento County Board of Supervisors hearing.

Revised Budget

The table below shows ESA's contracted budget, requested budget, and revised budget by task. As shown, we are requesting a budget augment of \$183,736.

Table 2: ESA Contracted Budget, Requested Additional Budget and Revised Total Budget

Task No.	Task Description	Contracted Budget	Requested Additional Budget	Revised Total Budget
1	Project Management	\$211,128	\$3,860	\$214,988
2	Admin Draft EIR	\$324,986	--	\$324,986
3	Screencheck Draft EIR	\$133,511	--	\$133,511
4	Draft EIR	\$86,034	--	\$86,034
5	Admin Draft Final EIR	\$297,280	--	\$297,280
6	Final EIR	\$78,550	\$166,593	\$245,143
7	Approval Hearings	\$10,280	\$13,283	\$23,563
8	Subconsultant - ALH	\$17,250	--	\$17,250
9	Expenses	\$4,663	--	\$4,663
	Draft EIR Contingency	\$1,088	--	\$1,088
TOTAL		\$1,164,770	\$183,736	\$1,348,506

In the interests of clarity, the additional costs associated with Task 6, Final EIR are shown in more detail below:

Table 3: Task 6: Final EIR – Preparation of New Alternative Water Source Alternative & Response to Letters

Alternative Preparation	\$12,105
Fisheries Analysis	\$30,888
Water Supply Analysis	\$20,855
EIR Recirculation	\$13,028
Response to Comments	\$22,528
Responses to Letters	\$67,189
Total	\$166,593

Conclusion

ESA continues to appreciate the opportunity to support the County with its preparation of the Upper West Specific Plan EIR. If you have questions about this revised scope of work, please feel free to call Paul Stephenson at (916) 273-0215 or email at pstephenson@esassoc.com.

Sincerely,



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