



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Water Agency
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 6/19/2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Water Agency

FROM: Department Director(s) Scott D. McGolpin, Interim Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with CH2MHILL to Develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the Santa Barbara County Region

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with CH2MHILL, a local vendor, increasing the amount of the agreement \$50,010 from \$248,964.50 to \$298,974.50 and to extend the term from June 30, 2007 to October 31, 2007.

Summary:

On September 12, 2006, the Board authorized the Chair to execute an agreement with CH2MHILL to develop an IRWMP in Santa Barbara County. The Board also approved the release of funds from the Water Agency to partially cover the costs and to allow receipt of revenue from Cooperating Partners who had signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The contractor's schedule and level of effort, as well as the funds designated for this planning initiative, were initially based on expectations that the State's next round of Prop 50 grant applications would be due in the Spring of 2007. The State subsequently extended the schedule for preparation of the plan. The Board approved contract Amendment 1 to accommodate these changes. As a result, the IRWMP Cooperating Partners in Santa Barbara County have been able to complete the Final Plan. However, the State has now proposed revisions to the guidelines for applying for prop 50 Round 2 funding. The State's guidelines require submittal of supplemental information which is partly dependent on a more rigorous ranking of a subset of projects from the Final IRWMP. These additional tasks also necessitate extending the extensive public involvement component.

Background:

Development of an IRWMP is a prerequisite for seeking Prop 50 funds, pursuant to guidelines issued jointly by California DWR and SWRCB. Likewise, an IRWMP is specifically identified in Prop 84 language as a requirement for obtaining those future funds. Currently, up to \$25 Million in Prop 50 Funds can be applied for by the County and IRWMP cooperators. Actual Grant funding approved will not be known until the State makes a decision on funding. Additional funding cycles in Prop 84 will be forthcoming in future years.

In December 2006, DWR and SWRCB delayed the timeline for Prop 50 Round 2 grant applications, due in part to their increased workload in approving Round 1 and their need to solicit feedback on the Round 1 process. After the electorate passed Proposition 84 in November 2006, the State also had to consider how the Prop 50 process might relate to the future Prop 84 grant application process. Thus, the State extended the timeframe for submitting IRWMPs and Prop 50 grant applications twice, now proposed to be at least August 2007. The State's deadlines, process, and criteria have been moving targets, making development of a regional plan more difficult.

The extended time frame is welcomed by the Cooperating Partners in order to prepare a better plan with broader stakeholder involvement. However, the State has proposed revised Round 2 guidelines that require more information be provided defending the adequacy of the IRWMP. In addition, ranking of projects must be completed as part of submitting the IRWMP to the State. The IRWMP team had not anticipated ranking the projects and so had not included that work in the CH2MHill contract.

CH2MHILL's effort to date has been thorough, detailed, timely and efficient in terms of both their process tasks and their products. The contract amendment reflects the need to compensate the contractor for increased hours and expanded tasks due to the extended timeline and new State requirements, and does not reflect any inefficiency, re-work or cost overruns.

A final IRWMP was completed in late May, and will be presented to the Board on the June 19, 2007 agenda as well as to the Boards of the Cooperating Partners in June and July.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

General Fund (Parks)	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
County Water Agency			\$	128,495.50
Flood Control funds	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Laguna CSD	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
MOU Partners	\$	42,010.00	\$	162,479.00
Total	\$	50,010.00	\$ -	\$ 296,974.50

Narrative:

A budget revision to allocate Water Agency funds from designations and to accept unanticipated revenue from the Cooperating Partners for this project was approved at the Board on September 12, 2006 to pay for the plan. A budget revision for FY 2007-08 for this additional work will be processed after July 1, 2007. Current fiscal year costs over the budgeted amount are anticipated to be less than \$5,000 and will be paid from money available in the Professional Services line item account in the Water Agency cost center.

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Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two originals of Amendment No. 2 and a copy of the minute order to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with CH2MHILL to Develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the Santa Barbara County Region (3 originals)

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