



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
Agenda Date: March 3, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Kirk Lagerquist, Director
Contact: Jeffrey Patton, Assistant Director

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Kirk Lagerquist
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SUBJECT: Award Professional Service Agreement for Gaviota Mariposa Reina Site Reverse Osmosis and Wastewater Treatment Plant Assessment, Project No. PRJ-000091 (20036)-Gaviota Mariposa Reina

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a Professional Services Agreement (Agreement) with GHD Inc. (Consultant) for professional consulting services to assess the Reverse Osmosis and Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Gaviota Mariposa Reina Site (Project), County Project PRJ-000091 (20036) Third Supervisorial District, in the amount of Seventy-Four Thousand Nine-Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Zero Cents (\$74,939.00);
- b) Authorize the Director of General Services or his Capital Division Chief designee to approve Supplemental Service Orders in an aggregate amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$7,493.90) to address changes or additions to the work being performed under the Professional Services Agreement with GHD Inc.;
- c) Authorize the Director of General Services to (i) amend the Agreement to extend the Term of the Agreement by up to six (6) additional months, and (ii) terminate the Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement; and

- d) Find that the proposed action(s) are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded by the agency.

Summary Text:

This item requests Board approval of a Professional Services Agreement with GHD Inc. to provide professional consulting services to assess the Reverse Osmosis and Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Gaviota Mariposa Reina Site, located in the Third Supervisorial District. The purpose of this assessment is to support the County in estimating the remaining useful life of key equipment and components, identifying anticipated rehabilitation costs, and evaluating operation and maintenance expenditures for current and upgraded infrastructure. In addition, the scope includes a comprehensive life-cycle analysis encompassing environmental impacts, sustainability initiatives, and permitting costs for the ownership and operation of the seawater reverse osmosis plant. The Agreement includes a base contract amount of \$74,939.00, with a supplemental services amount not to exceed \$7,493.90, for a total maximum aggregate contract amount not to exceed \$82,432.90.

Background:

On August 22, 2024, Public Works solicited a Request for Qualifications for various services categories including, Service Category 3, Water Quality Planning and Engineering. The County received 9 statements of qualifications for the Wastewater Engineering subgroup category 7 and GHD, Inc. was 1 of 8 firms to be found qualified to perform services.

General Services solicited proposals to the prequalified consultants in subgroup category 7 starting on August 4, 2025. We received two proposals and found the proposal of GHD, Inc. to be consistent with the requested scope of work and within available budget.

The subject property is located at 17100 Calle Mariposa Reina in Gaviota, an unincorporated community in the County of Santa Barbara, commonly identified as Assessor Parcel Number 081-130-070. Within the developed area, there is one existing administrative building (19,943 SF), one existing control room (12,783.47 SF) and one existing storage warehouse (5,423.84 SF). Additionally, the site has an existing desalination plant, a wastewater/sewer treatment plant, and stormwater system.

Historically, the site was developed and utilized as a regional pipeline hub for off-shore oil production flowing to on-shore pipeline systems destined for refining. The site is extensively developed to support the receipt and distribution of oil and natural gas produced through off-shore oil production. This includes extensive pipeline systems (both above and below ground), the seawater desalination plant, wastewater/sewer treatment plant, pipeline control systems (contained within a master control structure), storm water (surface water) retention systems, above grade potable/non-potable water storage tanks, fire suppression system, an office structure used to support on-site technical staff, and multiple accessory structures (several of which have machine shops for fabrication and repairs of the on-site mechanical systems).

Among many potential uses, this site presents an array of benefits for the County, including potential office space, critical infrastructure, solar photovoltaic development, battery storage systems, open space, and possible debris laydown areas to be used during natural disasters. The successful completion of this assessment will provide the County with a clear understanding of the remaining

useful life of key equipment and components, identifying anticipated rehabilitation costs, and evaluating operation and maintenance expenditures for current and upgraded infrastructure. In addition, the scope includes a comprehensive life-cycle analysis encompassing environmental impacts, sustainability initiatives, and permitting costs for the ownership and operation of the seawater reverse osmosis plant.

Performance Measure:

GHD Inc. will perform the scope of work outlined in the Agreement in a task-based approach. The scope of work shall commence upon execution of the Professional Services Agreement and issuance of a written Notice to Proceed.

Performance measures for this scope of work will focus on accuracy, completeness, and usability of the assessment findings, completing the work on schedule, and presenting the results in a clear, transparent format that enables the County to effectively plan, budget and prioritize future decisions.

Fiscal Analysis:

The costs for this Professional Services Agreement with GHD Inc are funded with the remaining funds included in the FY 2025-26 Capital Outlay Fund 0030 Project PRJ-000091 (20036) budget which was originally allocated in FY 2023-24 for services needed to evaluate the Gaviota Mariposa Reina site. The services under this PSA will commence in FY 2025-26 through FY 2026-27 to complete the final assessment deliverable. The maximum aggregate amount payable by the County under the Agreement, including the base contract amount of \$74,939.00 and supplemental services amount not to exceed \$7,493.90, is \$82,432.90.

Funding Source – GHD Inc. PSA	FY 2025-26 through FY 2026-27	Total
Capital Outlay Fund 0030	\$82,432.90	\$82,432.90
Total	\$82,432.90	\$82,432.90

Special Instructions:

Please send one copy of the Minute Order and two duplicate executed originals of the Professional Service Agreement to Diana Estorga, General Services, 912 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

Attachments:

Attachment A – GHD Inc. Professional Services Agreement, County Project No. 20036

Attachment B – Notice of Exemption Gaviota Mariposa Reina Site Plant Assessment, County Project No. 20036

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