



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-74

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Planning & Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: July 1, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department John Baker, Director, Planning & Development, 568-2085
Director(s)
Contact Info: Doug Anthony, Deputy Director, Energy Division, 568-2046

SUBJECT: Tranquillon Ridge Project EIR Contract Amendment #2

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Amendment No. 2 to the professional services contract with Aspen Environmental Group for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Tranquillon Ridge project in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for a total contract amount of \$542,825.45 and to extend the contract end date for one year, to August 31, 2009. The Tranquillon Ridge project is located in the Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts.

Summary Text:

On July 11, 2006, the County of Santa Barbara entered into a contract with Aspen Environmental Group in the amount of \$345,037.95 to prepare the EIR for the Tranquillon Ridge proposal. During and after public review of the Draft EIR, issues were raised that required more extensive analysis than was originally anticipated and the Board approved Contract Amendment #1 adding \$147,787.05 to complete preparation of the Final EIR. The Final EIR was completed and all but about \$1,000 of the approved contract amount currently remains. The County Planning Commission approved the Tranquillon Ridge project on April 21, 2008. Three parties filed appeals to the Board of Supervisors of that approval which, among other things, raise issues related to the EIR analyses. Staff requests Board approval of an additional \$50,000 to compensate Aspen for technical assistance in responding to the appeals, based on actual time-and-material expenses. The EIR contract is currently due to expire on August 31, 2008. Extension of the contract for one year will provide for the EIR consultant's participation in the Board appeals, the State Lands Commission and Coastal Commission permitting processes as needed, and in

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potential litigation-related efforts to the extent they may be related to the EIR. PXP is in agreement with both the increased contract amount and time extension.

Background:

Plains Exploration & Production Co. (PXP) proposes to expand the existing Point Pedernales project using extended reach drilling from Platform Irene to produce oil and gas from the portion of the Tranquillon Ridge field located in State Tidelands. This project involves technical changes to and minor expansion of existing facilities and will require issuance of a new State Tidelands lease(s). The processing facilities (Lompoc Oil and Gas Plant) are located on Harris Grade Road, north of Lompoc and northeast of Vandenberg Village.

Performance Measure:

Staff will direct and monitor Contractor's work to ensure timely completion of requested tasks.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: These additional costs for technical assistance are fully offset by the applicant and are within the expenditures budgeted in line-item "EIR Contracts" (\$550,000) of the Energy Division's operating expenses, and offsetting revenues budgeted in line-item "Reimbursable Contracts" (\$1,097,000) on page D-313 of the 2008/2009 fiscal year budget.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

0

FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the executed Contract Amendment #2 and a copy of the Minute Order to Gloria Kelm, P&D Accounting.

Attachments:

1. Contract Amendment #2, Aspen Environmental Group (Contract BC 07-002)
2. Contract Summary Sheet

Authored by:

Nancy Minick, Planner, 568-2506.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTRACT AMENDMENT No. 2
TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AND ASPEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

This Amendment hereinafter referred to as Amendment No. 2 constitutes a modification to the original agreement between County of Santa Barbara and Aspen Environmental Group, Contract No. BC 07-002, which was entered into on July 11, 2006.

Effective as of July 1, 2008 the original agreement is modified as follows:


1. Total contract compensation is increased by \$50,000, raising the contract amount from \$492,825.45 to a new Total Amount of \$542,825.45 as made necessary to complete work requested beyond the scope of the original contract.
2. Extend Contract end date to August 31, 2009.

CONSULTANT understands and agrees that the compensation and time granted herein constitutes the total and entire compensation for these changes in the work. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement, as previously amended, if applicable, shall remain in full force and effect.

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Salud Carbajal, Chair
Board of Supervisors

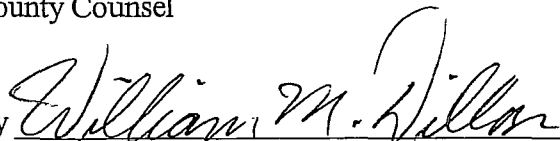
By _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board



Hamid Rastegar, President
Aspen Environmental Group

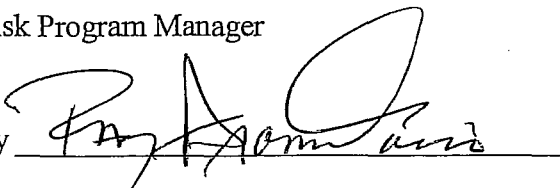
DANIEL WALLACE
County Counsel

ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA
Auditor-Controller

By 

By 

RAY AROMATORIO
Risk Program Manager

By 

D1. Fiscal Year : FY 08/09
D2. Budget Unit Number : 053
D3. Requisition Number : N/A
D4. Department Name : Planning & Development
D5. Contact Person : Nancy Minick
D6. Phone : (805) 568-2506

K1. Contract Type (check one): [X] Personal Service [] Capital Project/Construction
K2. Brief Summary of Contract Description/Purpose : EIR for the PXP Tranquillon Ridge project
K3. Original Contract Amount : \$345,037.95 (includes 15% contingency \$45,004.95)
K4. Contract Begin Date : 07/12/06
K5. Original Contract End Date : 02/14/07
K6. Amendment History (leave blank if no prior amendments):

<u>Seq#</u>	<u>EffectiveDate</u>	<u>ThisAmndtAmt</u>	<u>CumAmndtToDate</u>	<u>NewTotalAmt</u>	<u>NewEndDate</u>	<u>Purpose (2-4 words)</u>
01	09/18/07	\$147,787.50	\$345,037.95	\$492,825.45	02/14/08	Additional work on project
02	07/01/08	\$50,000.00	\$492,825.45	\$542,825.45	08/31/09	Additional work on project


K7. Department Project Number : N/A

B1. Is this a Board Contract? (Yes/No) : Yes
B2. Number of Workers Displaced (if any) : None
B3. Number of Competitive Bids (if any) : 1
B4. Lowest Bid Amount (if bid) : \$251,355.00
B5. If Board waived bids, show Agenda Date : N/A
B6. ... and Agenda Item Number : #
B7. Boilerplate Contract Text Unaffected? (Yes / or cite ¶¶) : Yes

F1. Encumbrance Transaction Code : 1701
F2. Current Year Encumbrance Amount : \$0
F3. Fund Number : 0001
F4. Department Number : 053
F5. Division Number (if applicable) : 5000
F6. Account Number : 7510
F7. Cost Center number (if applicable) : 5015
F8. Payment Terms : Net 30

V1. Vendor Numbers (A=uditor; P=urchasing) : 043712
V2. Payee/Contractor Name : Aspen Environmental Group
V3. Mailing Address : 30423 Canwood Street, Suite 215
V4. City, State (two-letter) Zip (include +4 if known): Agoura Hills, CA 91301
V5. Telephone Number : (818) 597-3407
V6. Contractor's Federal Tax ID Number (EIN or SSN): 95-4337914
V7. Contact Person : Mr. Hamid Rastegar
V8. Workers Comp Insurance Expiration Date : 7/1/2008
V9. Liability Insurance Expiration Date[s] : 9/27/09
V10. Professional License Number : #N/A
V11. Verified by (name of County staff) : Nancy Minick
V12. Company Type (Check one): [] Individual [] Sole Proprietorship [] Partnership [X] Corporation

I certify: information complete and accurate; designated funds available; required concurrences evidenced on signature page.

Authorized Signature:  Date: June 10, 2008