



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: May 15, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) John Baker, 568-2085
Contact Info: Doug Anthony, Deputy Director, Energy Div. 568-2046
SUBJECT: Contract Amendment for Lompoc Wind Energy Project EIR

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve and execute the attached amendment to the contract for the Lompoc Wind Energy Project Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"), which increases the total contract amount by \$21,495.25 (including a \$5,000 contingency).

Summary Text:

On August 15, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with CH2M HILL, Inc., to prepare an EIR for the Lompoc Wind Energy Project ("Project"). The approved contract is for a total sum of \$492,199.77 (which includes an optional task and 15% contingency). The contract term runs from August 15, 2006, to September 1, 2007. A contract amendment is needed to perform work outside of the original contract scope. A project description amendment was submitted by the Applicant, and the work must be completed prior to finalization of the EIR. The estimated cost of the additional work is \$16,495.25, which is broken down by task in the attached proposal from CH2M HILL. We request that an additional contingency of \$5,000 be included in the amount approved, to minimize delays in completing the EIR if unforeseen issues arise. Other than the contract amount, all terms of the existing contract would remain unchanged

Background:

The Lompoc Wind Energy Project proposes an 80-120 megawatt wind energy generation facility. The Project would be located on agricultural properties adjacent to Vandenberg AFB at the southern end of San Miguelito Road (3rd District). The Project also includes a 115 kV power line ("generator tie-line") that would run northeast from the wind facility site and tie into an existing power line on Highway 1, just inside the Lompoc city limits.

Work on the EIR has been underway since late August. During this time, the Applicant has changed the project description several times. Changes include the layout of wind turbine corridors, specifications for turbine height and noise characteristics, and routing of the power line near the wind turbine site. Staff have been working closely with the Project Applicant and CH2M HILL to analyze and integrate these changes. The additional work has consumed most of the original contingency funds.

The most recent amendment to the project description, received by the County on March 21, 2007, consists of proposed Project Alternatives, including an Applicant-preferred alternate power line route. As the project was originally proposed, the 115 kV power line that interconnects the project with the electrical grid would be highly visible along the ridgeline adjacent to Highway 1, a designated Scenic Highway, near the southern city limit of Lompoc. The Applicant desires this alternative to be analyzed, as it could substantially reduce the visual impacts of the power line in that area. In addition, the Applicant believes this option will streamline its permit review by the California Public Utilities Commission. Please see the attached letter from the applicant in support of this contract amendment.

Performance Measure:

The contract amendment will enable the consultant to evaluate an alternative power line route recently proposed by the Applicant that may result in reduced visual impacts along the Highway 1 Scenic Highway corridor. The work will be monitored by County staff to ensure quality of work product and expedited completion of the EIR.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis: All costs associated with preparation of the Lompoc Wind Energy Project EIR are borne by the applicant. Expenditures are budgeted in line-item "EIR Contracts" of the Energy Division's operating expenses (Program 5015), and offsetting revenues are budgeted in line-item "Reimbursable Contracts" on page D-302 of the approved 06/07 fiscal year budget.

Staffing Impacts:

No effect on staffing.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward two certified copies of the executed contract amendment and the Minute Order to John Day, Planning and Development Department, Energy Division.

Attachments:

1. Contract Amendment No. 1 (Contract No. BC 07-048).
2. Contract Summary Sheet.
3. Proposal by CH2M HILL, Inc., dated 4/26/07: "Scope of Work to Incorporate New Power Line Route – REVISED"
4. Letter from the Project Applicant in support of this contract amendment.

Authored by: John Day, Planner, 568-2045

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
AND CH2M HILL, Inc.**

This Amendment hereinafter referred to as Amendment No. 1 constitutes a modification to the original agreement between County of Santa Barbara and CH2M HILL, Inc., Contract No. BC 07-048, which was entered into on August 15, 2006.

Effective as of May 15, 2007, the original agreement is modified as follows:

1. The changes in compensation address additional work, as explained in the attached proposal by CH2M HILL, Inc., dated 4/26/07: "Scope of Work to Incorporate New Power Line Route – REVISED"
2. Total contract compensation is increased by \$21,495.25 (including a contingency of \$5,000), raising the NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT from \$492,199.77 to \$513,695.02, as made necessary by the work requested beyond the scope of the original contract.

CONSULTANT understands and agrees that the compensation 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

Chair, Board of Supervisors _____
Date

By _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Consultant

Consultant Title

STEPHEN SHANE STARK
County Counsel

ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA
Auditor-Controller

By _____

By _____

RAY AROMATORIO
Risk Program Manager

By _____