



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054-04-08
For Agenda Of: 4/17/2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Phillip M. Demery, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436
SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with CH2MHILL to Develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Santa Barbara County Region

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: [X] Yes [] No [] N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: [X] Yes [] No [] N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: [X] Yes [] No [] N/A

Recommended Action(s):

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with CH2MHILL, a local vendor, to increase the contract amount \$4,000 from \$244,964.50 to 248,964.50 to add additional tasks consistent with the State's revised schedule for developing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Prop 50 grant process.

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Summary:

On September 12, 2006, the Board authorized the Chair to execute an agreement with CH2MHILL to develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (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 based on expectations that the State's next round of Prop 50 grant applications would be due in the Spring of 2007. However, the State subsequently revised its Prop 50 process, so that Santa Barbara County and its Cooperating Partners will not be eligible to apply for Prop 50 grant funds until an as-yet-unspecified date later in 2007.

Thus, the IRWMP Cooperating Partners in Santa Barbara County have more time to prepare the Plan and allow for greater public input than was anticipated when the Board approved the Agreement with CH2MHILL. The additional time allows for a more thorough process, a more extensive public involvement component, and better analysis of a longer list of potential projects.

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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.

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. The State also had to consider how the Prop 50 process might relate to implementation of Prop 84, which was passed by the electorate last November. The State continued to deliberate on these issues, and only made final decisions at SWRCB’s hearing in Sacramento on March 20, 2007. As a result, most of the Prop 50 grant funds have now been awarded (to those areas already having IRWMPs), but approximately \$64 million remains for award to those currently unfunded areas which will have IRWMPs to submit to the State along with a grant application by whatever 2007 date is determined by DWR and SWRCB. Santa Barbara County and its IRWMP Cooperating Partners fully expect to be able to apply for a share of those grant funds, but the first step is to complete the County-wide IRWMP.

The extended time frame is welcomed by the Cooperating Partners in order to prepare a better plan with broader stakeholder involvement. However, the extended schedule and additional tasks also means more work for the contractor and a higher total cost.

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 for additional tasks, and does not reflect any inefficiency, re-work or cost overruns.

A draft IRWMP has been available for public review through April 2nd. Comments on the draft Plan will be discussed at the 4th in a series of public workshops scheduled for April 23rd and 24th in Santa Barbara and Buellton, respectively. A final IRWMP will be prepared in late May, at which time it will be presented to the Board as well as to the Boards of the Cooperating Partners.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
County Water Agency	\$ 128,495.50		
Federal			
Fees			
Partners MOU	\$ 120,469.00		
Total	\$ 248,964.50	\$ -	\$ -

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,

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2006. The \$4,000 increase is within the estimated total project cost so no change to the Water Agency budget is necessary to accommodate this contract amendment.

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two originals of Amendment No. 1 and a copy of the minute order to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Amendment No. 1 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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cc: