



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:** 08/14/12  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Water Agency

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

**SUBJECT:** **Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with RMC Water and Environment for additional tasks associated with preparation of the update to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for Santa Barbara County, All Supervisorial Districts**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with RMC Water and Environment (not a local vender) extending the period of the agreement from December 31, 2013 to March 31, 2014 and increasing the amount by \$30,000 for additional tasks associated with preparation of the update to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for Santa Barbara County for a total in the amount of \$585,737;
- b) Find that the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with RMC Water and Environment for the update to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(4).

**Summary Text:**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) administers Proposition 84, which provides for grant funding of a variety of water related projects in accordance with an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Santa Barbara County's existing IRWMP was completed in May of 2007.

Proposition 84 guidelines require that the existing plan be updated to meet current planning and analysis requirements and to include projects proposed for future funding through a Proposition 84 Implementation grant. Proposition 84 also provides grant funds for revision of the existing IRWMP.

The Santa Barbara County region has been awarded a DWR Planning Grant in the amount of \$555,737 to cover hard costs. The Santa Barbara County Cooperating Partners, a County-wide group of cities, special districts, water companies, non-governmental organizations and joint powers authorities, have committed in-kind administrative services in the amount of \$185,892, and the City of Santa Maria has agreed to contribute \$30,000 cash, for a total budget of \$771,629. On October 11, 2011, the Board approved the agreement with RMC Water and Environment in the amount of \$555,737 to update the IRWMP. The October 11, 2011 Board letter identifies the City of Santa Maria's contribution however at that time, it was thought that the cash contribution would go directly from the City of Santa Maria to RMC.

DWR now requires that all matching funds including Santa Maria's contribution to pass through the County Water Agency as the single eligible contracting entity. Therefore, this amendment allows the Water Agency to collect the \$30,000 from the City of Santa Maria and provide it to RMC on their behalf. The City of Santa Maria's contribution has already been received and is explicitly dedicated to the part of the IRWMP update that addresses the preparation of a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin.

**Background:**

At the Board's direction, beginning in September 2006, the County Water Agency has worked with a County-wide group of cities, special districts, water companies, and joint powers authorities known as the Santa Barbara County Partners to develop the first Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (completed in May 2007).

As authorized by the Board of Directors on December 11, 2007, the Water Agency acts as the single eligible grant recipient responsible for administration of the IRWMP Grants. In accordance with the existing MOU and sub-grant agreements between the Water Agency and Project Proponents, the Water Agency functions as a pass through agency between the State and Proponents. The Water Agency is responsible to organize and forward the required project reporting information and to review and submit claims to the State from each Project Proponent and reimburse the Project Proponent once funding is received from the State.

The update of the IRWMP will address changing water conditions and issues within the County, incorporate new DWR requirements for the document, and allow for the Santa Barbara Region to continue applying for funds in accordance with the IRWM Program.

Pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 et seq.) and subsequent IRWMP legislation, on behalf of the 29 agencies who cooperated in the preparation of the IRWMP, the County Water Agency has applied for and been granted approximately \$29 million in funding for 17 water related projects within the County and the IRWMP update.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State Prop 84 grant			\$ 555,737.00
Federal			
County Partners In-Kind			\$ 185,892.00
City of Santa Maria			\$ 30,000.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 771,629.00

Narrative:

The update of the IRWMP is included in the 2012-13 Adopted Budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-144 in the budget book. Costs from this agreement will be reimbursed through the Prop 84 grant. The costs identified above for the County Partners are for in-kind services associated with this update. No General Fund will be utilized with these actions.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send the following to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez:

- two originals of the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement w/RMC Water and Environment
- one copy of the minute order

**Attachments:**

Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement w/RMC Water and Environment (3 originals)  
Contract Summary

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