



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:** February 25, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5 Vote

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

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, (805) 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No 1 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with GSI Water Solutions, Inc., Third and Fifth 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 Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor increasing the contract amount by \$208,649 to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,176,785 for consulting services with GSI Water Solutions No. 19-182 (a local vendor), and approve increasing the 10% contingency to \$117,679;
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request (BJE No. 0006785) to increase appropriations of \$229,514 from the Water Agency Fund for Services and Supplies funded by a release of Restricted Purpose of Fund Balance (4/5 vote required); and
- a) Determine that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve Amendment No. 1 the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with GSI Water Solutions (GSI) to add additional scope to the original contract, proportionally increase the 10% contingency, and to approve a Budget Revision Request (BRR).

GSI's initial proposal for the hydrogeological study in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) Eastern Management Area (EMA), included an optional task to conduct aerial geophysical

investigations to supplement the primary scope of the study. At the time, Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Water Agency) staff determined that this additional investigation was not necessary. However, during the course of conducting the study, data gaps were identified that would be best filled by supplemental geophysical investigation. Aerial geophysical investigation, using the same technology as proposed by GSI, has recently been completed in San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties as part of the preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP). The early results from these studies have been promising and provided valuable information to groundwater managers in these areas.

**Background:**

SGMA was signed into law by Governor Brown in 2014. SGMA provides a framework for the sustainable management of groundwater supplies by local agencies and provides tools, authority, and a timeline for local agencies during the 20-year implementation period. Public agencies in the Basin created three GSAs representing the three main areas of the Basin (Western, Central, and Eastern Management Areas; see Attachment B) based on jurisdictional and hydrogeological differences. In the EMA, the GSA includes the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District [SYRWCD], SYRWCD Improvement District No. 1 [ID No. 1], and the City of Solvang, and the Water Agency. The Water Agency Board voted to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA, Attachment C) to join the EMA GSA on April 11, 2017. In the MOA, the Water Agency agreed to fund a hydrogeological study of the EMA.

The Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Water Agency) sent a Request for Proposals to the six firms on the Public Works Department Prequalified Consultant list for Groundwater Services on August 31, 2018. Proposals were received from two consultant teams. Staff evaluated the proposals against a standardized set of criteria, and selected GSI on the basis of a superior approach and lower cost. Staff from other EMA GSA member agencies also evaluated the proposals and concurred with the selection of GSI. The GSA Committee, the governing body of the EMA GSA composed of elected officials from each of the member agencies, also concurred with the selection. The Water Agency Board of Directors approved the initial contract with GSI on February 12, 2019.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Current FY Cost:</b>	<b>Annualized On-going Cost:</b>	<b>Total 4-Year Project Cost</b>
Water Agency funds	\$ 458,649.00		\$ 1,294,463.00
Fees:			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 458,649.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,294,463.00</b>

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

The original study costs were included in this year’s adopted budget. Approval of this BRR will fund additional costs associated with adding the new scope of work to the original agreement for services. The study is anticipated to conclude prior to the GSP being submitted to DWR in January 2022. However, most of the work will be completed by the end of FY2020-2021. No General Fund monies will be utilized for this study.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The key contract risks are low for these agreements.

**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:**

- Attachment A - Amendment No 1 to the Agreement with GSI Water Solutions
- Attachment B - Budget Revision Request (BJE No. 0006785)
- Attachment C - Copy of original Agreement with GSI Water Solutions (BC No. 19-182)
- Attachment D - Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Map

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