

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

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

**Department Name:** 

**Public Works** 

Department No.:

054

For Agenda Of:

February 25, 2020

Placement:

Administrative

Estimated Tme:

N/A

Continued Item:

No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required:

Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director:

Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010

Contact Info:

Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation 568-3064

SUBJECT: (

Consent to Assignment of Drake Haglan & Associates Contracts (BC17246;

BC19387; BC19184; CN19770) to Dewberry Engineers, Inc. | Drake Haglan

#### **County Counsel Concurrence**

## **Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management** 

As to form: Yes

#### **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Joint Request for Consent to Assignment by Drake Haglan & Associates and Dewberry Engineers, Inc.| Drake Haglan, which would assign the existing Agreements between the County and DHA to Dewberry Engineers, Inc.| Drake Haglan including all rights and obligations contained therein.
- b) Determine the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because it consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

# **Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to consent to assign the current Agreements between the County Public Works Department and Drake Haglan & Associates (DHA) to the newly named firm Dewberry Engineering, Inc. | Drake Haglan.

On October 24, 2019, the Public Works Department received two notices from DHA dated October 17, 2019 providing notice of, and request consent to, the Assignment by DHA to Dewberry of all of DHA's rights, title and interest in and under the below listed Agreements between DHA and the County. Public Works presently contracts with DHA for design services on four Capital Improvement Projects: Hollister Ave/State Street Improvements, Foothill Road Low Water Crossing (LWC) Replacement, E. Mountain Drive LWC, and Fernald Point Lane Bridge Replacement. In September 2019, Dewberry announced it acquired the DHA firm, which became a wholly owned subsidiary of Dewberry on

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September 27, 2019. Thereafter, DHA initiated a transfer of assets to the newly named firm, "Dewberry Engineering, Inc. | Drake Haglan" (Dewberry). Approval of the recommended actions will assign the rights and obligations in the existing Agreements between the County and DHA to Dewberry. The County's consent is drafted to be effective retroactively to September 27, 2019, when the transfer was completed.

## **Background:**

DHA, now a subsidiary of Dewberry, continues to provide professional services related to Structural, Roadway and Environmental design of various roadway improvement projects. In addition to the assets transfer mention above, DHA's staff will transfer to Dewberry, maintaining the expertise and experience represented in the Statement of Qualifications submitted by DHA for the above reference projects. Public Works (PW) has confirmed with Caltrans that all Federal Aid requirements are met, including but not limited to: Dewberry is registered with the Department of Industrial Relations as required by the Labor Codes, and have and adequate financial and accounting systems in place. Upon transfer, Dewberry will be responsible for all former operations, including but not limited to:

- Using DHA's current management, employees and assets;
- Adopting all of DHA's policies, procedures and protocols; and
- Maintaining and continuing all certifications currently held by DHA

## **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

## **Fiscal Analysis:**

| Total Amount Approved | Total Paid to<br>Date | Remaining Authorized<br>Amount Across Contracts |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| \$771,689.24          | \$471,111.00          | \$300,578.24                                    |

## **Narrative:**

The Agreements with Dewberry are funded by a combination of Federal, State and Local revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget. There is no change in the dollar amount of the Agreements with Dewberry as a result of this Consent to Assignment. Execution of this Joint Request for Consent to Assignment will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the Public Works Department.

# **Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving these Board actions, and a copy of the executed document to Public Works, Transportation, 123 East Anapamu Street, Attn: Gail Ocheltree, x83094.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment A: Joint Request for Consent to Assignment of Agreement(s) For Services of Independent Contractor

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