



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
June 24, 2008

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title:** Agreement: Mark J. Roberson, PhD

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Mark J. Roberson, PhD for an annual amount not to exceed \$155,970 for professional services necessary for the Water Forum Successor Effort that is staffed and managed by the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP). This agreement provides for an initial term of one year, with the option to extend for additional one year terms, up to a total agreement term of five years (including the initial term and all extensions).

**Contact:** Kathy Howard, Administrative Analyst (916) 808-1995, Sarah Foley, Program Manager (916) 808-1997

**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** Utilities

**Division:** City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning

**Organization No:** 8810

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The purpose of this agreement is to provide the Water Forum Successor Effort with technical expertise regarding water supply and resource management issues for the region.

**Policy Considerations:** This report is submitted in compliance with the policy direction provided by the Sacramento City Council and Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in forming the CCOMWP, approving its work plan, and supporting the efforts of the Water Forum (City Agreement 2001-005).

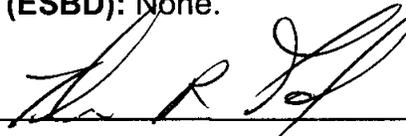
**Environmental Considerations:** This recommendation does not constitute a "project" and therefore is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None

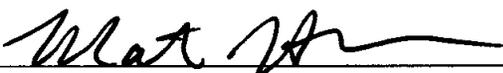
**Rationale for Recommendation:** Dr. Roberson has a unique background in water resource and ecosystem management and has extensive experience working on California water issues. He has worked on in-stream flow and water supply needs on the American and Sacramento rivers as well as in the Delta. Dr. Roberson has provided consulting services to many local, state and federal agencies for both water management and ecosystem restoration efforts. Dr. Roberson has provided technical support for several multi-stakeholder and multi-objective resource issues. Dr. Roberson is familiar with the data and staff resources at local, state and federal agencies and he has a working relationship with many of the local water resource and natural resource consulting firms and non-governmental organizations. Due to his previous experiences, his existing contacts and understanding of local and statewide water issues he will create time and budget savings in data collection, public outreach and senior review.

**Financial Considerations:** This Professional Services Agreement has no impact on the City's General Fund. There are sufficient resources for the proposed agreement in the amount of \$155,970 in the Water Forum Successor Effort (WFSE) Fund 7103. Funding for the WFSE is provided by cost sharing agreements between the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, City of Roseville, City of Folsom, El Dorado County Water Agency, Placer County Water Agency, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and the San Juan Water District (in Placer County)...The City's cost-share of these services is \$45,387.27 and is included in the Department of Utilities Fiscal Year 2009 Budget within its Water Fund 6005 adopted by the City Council on June 17, 2008.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** None.

Respectfully Submitted by:  \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas R. Gohring, Executive Director  
City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_

Marty Hanneman  
Interim Director, Department of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Kerridge, City Manager

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Attachment 1

**Background Information:**

- The City and County of Sacramento created the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP) in 1991 to pursue a joint water planning effort in the greater Sacramento region. Over the past 16 years the City and the County, and other stakeholder agencies, have devoted significant resources to the Water Forum process and the Water Forum Successor Effort (WFSE). This process and the successful outcome of these efforts are well documented. A large share of the success can be attributed to the dedication of the staff of the CCOMWP and the various regional stakeholders who had the desire to arrive at an amenable solution to the region's water supply and water resource issues.
- The continuation of this dedication is necessary to maintain the successes that have been so long in obtaining. This includes maintaining a level of stewardship over the Water Forum Agreement as a policy and technical resource. Activities related to the WFSE require constant following up to tie back to the intent in the Water Forum Agreement and making sure that each is completed and acted upon by the stakeholders to a point of mutual agreement by consensus.
- Since its inception, the CCOMWP has contracted with consultants to take on a portion of the above technical responsibilities.
- The CCOMWP is seeking a contract with Mark J. Roberson to fill this consultant position. Dr. Roberson is uniquely qualified to provide technical assistance to the WFSE in the area of water supply and water resource issues. Dr. Roberson has a unique background in water resource and ecosystem management and has extensive experience working on California water issues. He has worked on in-stream flow and water supply needs on the American and Sacramento rivers as well as in the Delta. Dr. Roberson has provided consulting services to many local, state and federal agencies for both water management and ecosystem restoration efforts. Dr. Roberson has also provided technical support for several multi-stakeholder and multi-objective resource issues. Dr. Roberson is familiar with the data and staff resources at local, state and federal agencies and has a working relationship with many of the local water resource and natural resource consulting firms and non-governmental organizations. With Dr. Roberson's previous experiences, existing contacts and understanding of local and statewide water the CCOMWP will realize time and budget savings in data collection, public outreach and senior review through this contract.

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH MARK J. ROBERSON, PhD**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The City and County of Sacramento created the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP) in 1991 to pursue a joint water planning effort in the greater Sacramento Metropolitan area.
- B. In 1999, Water Forum members approved a comprehensive Water Forum Agreement (WFA) (City Agreement No. 1999-222). The WFA consists of integrated actions necessary for providing a regional solution to water shortages, environmental damage, groundwater contamination, and limited economic prosperity.
- C. The CCOMWP has been charged with staffing the effort to implement the WFA, known as the Water Forum Successor Effort (WFSE). Since its inception, the CCOMWP has employed a consultant to take on a portion of the above technical responsibilities. After working with the CCOMWP for fifteen years, this consultant retired during Fiscal Year 2007. The CCOMWP is striving for continuity by hiring a consultant with similar qualifications to fill this role in a contractual manner.
- D. The CCOMWP is seeking a contract with Mark J. Roberson to fill this consultant position. Dr. Roberson is uniquely qualified to provide technical assistance to the WFSE in the area of water supply and water resource issues. Dr. Roberson has a unique background in water resource and ecosystem management and has extensive experience working on California water issues. He has worked on in-stream flow and water supply needs on the American and Sacramento rivers as well as in the Delta. Dr. Roberson has provided consulting services to many local, state and federal agencies for both water management and ecosystem restoration efforts. Dr. Roberson has also provided technical support for several multi-stakeholder and multi-objective resource issues. Dr. Roberson is familiar with the data and staff resources at local, state and federal agencies and has a working relationship with many of the local water resource and natural resource consulting firms and non-governmental organizations. With Dr. Roberson's previous experiences, existing contacts and understanding of local and statewide water the CCOMWP will realize time and budget savings in data collection, public outreach and senior review through this contract.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute an Agreement with Mark J. Roberson, PhD to provide professional services for the Water Forum

Successor Effort and Habitat Management Element that is staffed and managed by the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning, including preparation of the environmental documentation for the revised lower American River flow standard, in an amount not to exceed \$155,970 per year. The agreement provides for an initial term of one year, with the option to extend for additional one year terms, up to a total agreement term of five years (including the initial term and all extensions). The City Manager, or the City Manager's authorized designee, may authorize such extensions(s) for the annual not to exceed amount specified above, provided that sufficient funds are available in the budget adopted for the applicable Fiscal Years(s).