

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-459**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 24, 2008

### **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 Year(s).

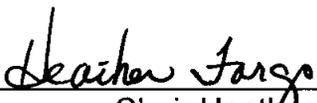
Adopted by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento on June 24, 2008 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Waters, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Tretheway.

  
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Chair Heather Fargo

Attest:

  
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Shirley Concolino, Secretary