



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
February 24, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Supplemental Agreement: S.P. Cramer & Associates, Inc.

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to City Agreement 2008-0797 with S.P. Cramer & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$34,000 for the Lower American River Gravel Monitoring Project (G14000200) through June 2009.

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: 14001911

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City of Sacramento entered into City Agreement No. 2008-0797 with S.P. Cramer & Associates, Inc. on August 5, 2008, for monitoring of benthic macroinvertebrate fish communities and gravel movement for a not-to-exceed amount of \$69,561. Supplemental Agreement No. 1, which increases the not-to-exceed amount by \$34,000, is necessary to provide for continued monitoring for the lower American River salmonid spawning gravel work through June 2009, as part of a program of the Water Forum Successor Effort (WFSE) in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

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 City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP), approving its work plan, and supporting the efforts of the Water Forum.

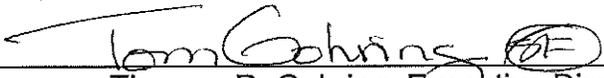
Environmental Considerations: CEQA compliance is not required for such monitoring per Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides an exemption for data collection and resource evaluation activities.

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The Lower American River Gravel Monitoring Project management team has asked S.P. Cramer & Associates, Inc. to extend its services through the end of June 2009 to perform additional technical work for an amount not to exceed \$34,000. This work is being performed at the request of Reclamation. Reclamation believes the additional work is necessary in order to have a better understanding of how placed material will react in the lower American River and its influence on the fish communities in the river.

Financial Considerations: This Supplemental Agreement has no impact on the City's General Fund. The additional \$34,000 brings the total agreement not to exceed amount to \$103,561. Funding for this project (G14000200) is being provided from a \$600,000 United States Bureau of Reclamation grant with the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (City Agreement 2006-1211).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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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 United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) operates facilities that regulate flows in the lower American River, which contain populations of anadromous Chinook salmon and threatened steelhead trout. Flow regulation and stream channel manipulations have modified anadromous salmonid habitat in the American River. Specifically, gravel is regularly lost from spawning sites on the river because of the construction and operation of Central Valley Project dams, bank protection projects, and other actions that reduce the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat in the American River downstream of Nimbus Dam.
- In August 2008, the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP) signed a cooperative agreement with Reclamation for the planning, permitting and placement of gravel to restore these spawning sites. Reclamation is providing funding for the project which also includes pre- and post-project site surveys, monitoring of the placed gravel and the response of salmonids in the river.
- Funding for this project is made possible by the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. (CVPIA) Section 3406 (b)(13). The CVPIA directs the Department of the Interior to develop and implement a continuing program for the purpose of restoring and replenishing, as needed, salmonid spawning gravel lost due to the construction and operation of Central Valley Project dams and other actions. To date, Reclamation has made \$300,000 available for this project to the CCOMWP, which includes \$34,000 for this additional monitoring work as part of a \$600,000 United States Bureau of Reclamation grant with the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (City Agreement 2006-1211).
- This project is consistent with the goals of the Fisheries and Instream Habitat Plan, which is incorporated into the River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP). The RCMP is a coordinated approach to management of the lower American River that was developed and endorsed by 38 organizations and local governments in 2002, including the City of Sacramento. Further, the project is a key project under the Habitat Management Element (HME) of the Water Forum Agreement, of which the City is a signatory. The HME implements one of the Agreement's co-equal objectives, which is to preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

February 24, 2009

**APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH
S.P. CRAMER & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento entered into City Agreement No. 2008-0797 with S.P. Cramer & Associates, Inc. on August 5, 2008, for monitoring of benthic macroinvertebrate fish communities and gravel movement in the Lower American River for a not-to-exceed amount of \$69,561.
- B. Supplemental Agreement No. 1 will increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$34,000, to provide for continued monitoring through June 2009, as part of the Lower American River Gravel Monitoring Project being performed by the Water Forum Successor Effort in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
- C. Funding for this project is made possible by the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. (CVPIA) Section 3406 (b)(13). The CVPIA directs the Department of the Interior to develop and implement a continuing program for the purpose of restoring and replenishing, as needed, salmonid spawning gravel lost due to the construction and operation of Central Valley Project dams and other actions. To date, Reclamation has made \$300,000 available for this project to the CCOMWP, which includes \$34,000 for this additional monitoring work as part of a \$600,000 United States Bureau of Reclamation grant with the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (City Agreement 2006-1211).

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

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to City Agreement No. 2008-0797 with S.P. Cramer & Associates, Inc. for additional technical services in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.

