



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
**September 1, 2009**

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

**Title:** Agreement: HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc.

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,285,993, to develop the Environmental Impact Report necessary for the Water Forum Successor Effort's ongoing effort to update the lower American River Flow Management Standard.

**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 (CCOMWP)

**Organization No:** 8810

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** This report identifies the need for professional and technical services for the CCOMWP, which staffs and manages the Water Forum Successor Effort (WFSE). The lower American River Flow Management Standard (FMS) update project is an essential element of the Water Forum Agreement (WFA). If the proposed agreement is approved, HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc. will provide professional and technical services necessary to develop the Environmental Impact Report for the WFSE's proposal to update the lower American River FMS.

**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:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):**

Approval of this agreement will allow the environmental review required for the proposed Lower American River Flow Management Standard to be performed.

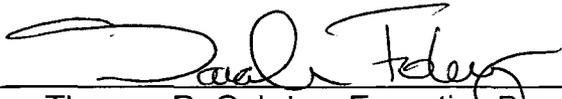
**Sustainability Considerations:** Approval of this agreement is consistent with the City of Sacramento's Sustainability Master Plan Goals. Pursuit of a Flow Management Standard for the lower American River that is more protective of fisheries and aquatic resources is a fundamental element of the Water Forum Agreement, which is supported by the City's Sustainability Goal No. 7 - Parks, Open Space and Habitat Conservation.

**Commission/Committee Action: None**

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Funding for Flow Management Standard EIR was approved with adoption of the FY 2009/10 CCOMWP budget. Approval of this contract is consistent with the approved budget. CCOMWP staff developed a scope of work for the EIR and solicited Qualifications Statements from consulting firms. A selection committee reviewed the two qualifications received and selected HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc. as the top ranked firm.

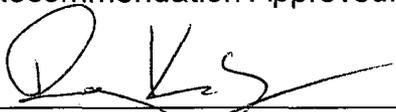
**Financial Considerations:** This contract has no impact on the City's General Fund. There are sufficient resources for the proposed agreement in the amount of \$1,285,993 in Fund 7104 for the Habitat Management Element (HME). The HME is funded by a cost share agreement among the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, and other diverters of non-Central Valley Project (CVP) water from the American River.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc. is not a certified ESBE.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Thomas R. Gohring, Executive Director  
City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning

Approved by:   
Marty Hanneman  
~~ACM~~ / Director, Department of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

  
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 Metropolitan area.
- In 1993, a diverse group of business and agricultural leaders, citizens groups, environmentalists, water managers, and local governments formed the Sacramento Area Water Forum.
- 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.
- The CCOMWP has been charged with staffing the effort to implement the WFA, known as the Water Forum Successor Effort (WFSE).
- A revised flow standard that is more protective of the aquatic resources of the lower American River (LAR) is one of the WFA's seven elements and critical to meeting its co-equal objectives. These activities include submittal of a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, to add conditions to Reclamation's Folsom Reservoir water right permits that provide for flow releases to the LAR in accordance with the proposed LAR Flow Management Standard. In FY2010-2011 the CCOMWP, on behalf of the WFSE, will work on environmental documentation, including defining the scope of work and developing a project description and project alternatives.
- HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc. has conducted previous work related to this project including biological studies, modeling and analysis. They have been providing hydrologic and aquatic analyses to the CCOMWP for over ten years. During that time they have established a uniquely comprehensive database of physical and biological data related to CCOMWP projects. They have also developed custom models and analytical tools that will be invaluable to the proposed work.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH HDR|SURFACE WATER RESOURCES, INC.**

**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).
- C. The CCOMWP has been charged with staffing the effort to implement the WFA, known as the Water Forum Successor Effort (WFSE).
- D. Implementation of a revised flow standard that is more protective of the aquatic resources of the lower American River (LAR) is one the WFA's seven elements and is an important task of the WFSE. These activities include preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, and submittal of a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to add conditions to Reclamation's Folsom Reservoir water right permits that provide for flow releases to the LAR in accordance with the proposed LAR Flow Management Standard . In FY2010-2011 the CCOMWP, on behalf of the WFSE, will begin work on the environmental documentation, including defining the scope of work and developing a project description and project alternatives.
- E. CCOMWP staff developed a scope of work for the professional services needed for this effort and solicited Qualifications Statements from consulting firms. A selection committee reviewed the qualifications received and selected HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc. as the top ranked firm to provide these services.

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

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to sign a Professional Services Agreement with HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc. to provide services necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Water Forum Successor Effort's to update the lower American River Flow Management Standard, in an amount not to exceed \$1,285,993.



