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REPORT TO COUNCIL

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CONSENT
June 27, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Supplemental Agreement: HDR/Surface Water Resources, Inc.

Location/Council District: Citywide (All)

Recommendation:

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Supplement No. 20 to City Agreement 1996-029 with HDR/Surface Water Resources, Inc. (HDR/SWRI), for an amount not to exceed $360,000 for technical support in the development of a Flow Management Standard (FMS) for the lower American River (LAR) during Fiscal-Year 2006-2007.

Contact: Sarah Foley, Program Manager, 808-1997, Kathy Howard, Administrative Analyst, 808-1995

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Utilities

Division: Sacramento City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP), Water Forum

Organization No.: 8810

Summary:

This report identifies the need for continued environmental and technical consulting services for the Water Forum and the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP) for the development of a final Lower American River Flow Management Standard (FMS) during Fiscal-Year 2006-2007.

The development of the FMS is a critical element of the Water Forum Agreement (City Agreement 1999-222) approved by Council in November 1999.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background:

Between August 20, 1996 and June 30, 2006, Supplement No.s 1 through 19 to City Agreement 1996-029 with Surface Water Resources, Inc., (SWRI) for professional services to the CCOMWP were approved for a total amount of $2,992,579.62.

In January 2006, SWRI was acquired by HDR, Inc. As a part of this corporate change, SWRI now conducts business as HDR/SWRI.

The scope of additional services under Supplement No. 20 of the City Agreement 96-029 with HDR/SWRI continues and builds on the scope of work identified and approved on June 28, 2005 for Supplement No. 19. This scope of additional services includes:

- Participate in Flow Management Standard (FMS) negotiation meetings
- Continue FMS Monitoring and Evaluation Program negotiations
- Assist in the development of implementation criteria for the FMS Required Flows
- Prepare FMS water supply, flood control and reallocation analysis for the Water Forum stakeholders
- Support Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation on the FMS
- Assist in the initial stages of the State Water Resources Control Board process necessary to amend Reclamation's water rights to implement the FMS
- Conduct internal project management

Financial Considerations:

This agreement has no impact on the General Fund. The current agreement with Surface Water Resources, Inc. is for a not-to-exceed amount of $2,992,579.62. Supplement No. 20 to City Agreement 1996-029 is for $360,000.00. This brings the new not-to-exceed amount to $3,352,579.62. Funding for the CCOMWP budget 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.

Environmental Considerations:

This request is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the general rule (Section 1506(b)(3)) that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Policy Considerations:

City Agreement No. 2001-005 continues the existence of the CCOMWP to the year 2030 and requires that all contracts follow the procedures of the City of Sacramento.

The rationale for hiring this consultant is the need for specialized professional and technical consulting services that are a continuation of the specific tasks being performed for the Water Forum and the CCOMWP.

Further success of the Flow Management Standard will be dependent upon the skills and services of technical experts that are well grounded in the Water Forum negotiations and are accepted and respected by the stakeholder representatives.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The consultant, HDR/Surface Water Resources, Inc., does not qualify as an emerging or small business firm. However, they are uniquely qualified to continue to provide the environmental and technical services sought by the Water Forum and the CCOMWP.

Respectfully Submitted by: Leo Winternitz
Leo H. Winternitz, Executive Director

Recommendation Approved:

Ray Kerridge, City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR HDR/SURFACE WATER RESOURCES, INC.

BACKGROUND

A. The Water Forum is a diverse group of business and agricultural leaders, citizens groups, environmentalists, water managers, and local governments (including the City of Sacramento) in the Sacramento region that have joined to fulfill two co-equal objectives:

   A. Provide a reliable and safe water supply for the region's economic health and planned development to the year 2030; and

   B. Preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

B. City Manager Agreement 2001-005 established the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP) to provide staffing and administrative support for the Water Forum to the year 2030. Its objective is to promote the implementation and continued vitality of the Water Forum. It also specifies that all administrative arrangements of the CCOMWP will be processed according to the City of Sacramento's established policies and procedures.

C. Between August 20, 1996 and June 30, 2006, Supplement No.s 1 through 19 to City Agreement 1996-029 with Surface Water Resources, Inc., for professional services to the CCOMWP were approved for a total amount of $2,992,579.62.

D. The scope of additional services under Supplement No. 20 of the City Agreement 96-029 with HDR/Surface Water Resources, Inc. (as the company is now known, following its acquisition by HDR, Inc.) continues and builds on the scope of work identified and approved on June 28, 2005 for Supplement No. 19. This scope of additional services includes:

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

Section 1.

The City Manager is authorized to execute Supplement No. 20 to City Agreement 1996-029 with HDR/Surface Water Resources, Inc. (HDR/SWRI), for an amount not to exceed $360,000 for technical support in the development of a Flow Management Standard (FMS) for the lower American River (LAR) during Fiscal-Year 2006-2007. This action brings the total contract amount to $3,352,579.62.

Funding for the contract has been included in the CCOMWP budget and 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.