REPORT TO COUNCIL 13
City of Sacramento

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Consent
June 21, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Agreement: HDR Engineering, Inc.

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for an amount not to exceed $360,000 for professional services on behalf of the Water Forum Successor Effort, that is staffed and managed by the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP).

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Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Utilities

Division: City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning

Organization No: 8810

Description/Analysis

Issue: This report identifies the need for ongoing professional and technical services for the CCOMWP on behalf of the Water Forum. The lower American River Flow Standard update project is an essential requirement of the Water Forum Agreement (WFA). In FY2007/08 HDR Engineering, Inc. will support the CCOMWP in its continued effort to update the lower American River Flow Management Standard (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: 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: HDR Engineering, Inc. has 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.

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 $360,000 is readily available in Fund 514 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): None.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Recommendation Approved:

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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 the WFA's seven elements and critical to meeting its co-equal objectives. These activities include modification of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's water right permit through the State Water Resources Control Board. In FY2007/08 the CCOMWP, on behalf of the WFSE, will begin work on environmental documentation, including defining the scope of work and developing a project description and project alternatives.

- HDR Engineering, Inc. has conducted all 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 ENGINEERING, 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). 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).

D. Implementation of a revised flow standard that is more protective of the aquatic resources of the LAR is one the WFA's seven elements and is an important task of the WFSE. These activities include modification of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's water right permit through the State Water Resources Control Board. In FY2007/08 the CCOMWP, on behalf of the WFSE, will begin work on environmental documentation, including defining the scope of work and developing a project description and project alternatives.

E. HDR Engineering, Inc. is uniquely qualified to provide the professional services needed for this effort, as it has conducted all previous work related to this project including biological studies, modeling and analysis. During that time it has established a uniquely comprehensive database of physical and biological data related to CCOMWP projects.

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 HDR Engineering, Inc to provide professional services for the Water Forum Successor Effort, that is staffed and managed by the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning, including preparation of the environmental documentation for the revised LAR flow standard, in an amount not to exceed $360,000.