

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date

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Agenda Item No:

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Departments:

Sonoma County Water Agency and
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District

4/5 Vote Not Required

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Board Date:

11/10/2009

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Southern Sonoma County RCD Coordination Services – Amended Agreement

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Concurrent Action:

Authorizing the Chair to execute the Third Amended Agreement for Coordination and Assistance Services for Flood Control, Water Reuse, Water Conservation, Groundwater Management, and Environmental Restoration Activities among the Sonoma County Water Agency, individually and on behalf of its Petaluma Zone 2A and Valley of the Moon Zone 3A, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District and Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District (\$175,000).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$175,000	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$0
Amount Budgeted	\$175,000	Unanticipated Revenue (Source:)	\$0
Other Available Appropriations (Explain Below)	\$0	Other Transfers (Source:)	\$0
Additional Requested	\$0	Additional Funds Requested	\$0

Explanation (if required):

Funding is available from allocations in the following categories of the 2009/2010 budget: Petaluma Basin Watershed Zone 2A fund, Account No. 673301-6570, (\$85,000); Valley of the Moon Watershed Zone 3A fund, Account No. 673400-6570, (\$60,000); Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Construction fund, Account No. 653303-8510, (\$10,000); and Water Transmission Recycled Water and Local Supply fund, Account No. 675736-6570, (\$20,000).

Prior Board Action:

6/7/05 Authorized the Chair to execute the Agreement for Coordination and Assistance Services for Flood Control, Water Reuse, Water Conservation, Groundwater Management, and Environmental Restoration Activities among Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, and Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

None.

Background:

History of Item

In June of 2005, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) and the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (District) engaged the services of the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District (R.C.D.) and entered in the Agreement for Coordination and Assistance Services for Flood Control, Water Reuse, Water Conservation, Groundwater Management, and Environmental Restoration Activities (Agreement) (\$180,000) with the R.C.D. to assist in planning, coordination, and public outreach for flood control, watershed management, groundwater management, and water reuse issues within the Sonoma Valley and Petaluma River watersheds. The Agreement encompasses a wide range of support services including, but not limited to, assistance with stream restoration project development, stakeholder participation associated with total maximum daily load (T.M.D.L.) regulations, updates to the Petaluma River and Sonoma Creek Enhancement Plans, public outreach for the Sonoma Valley Recycled Water Project and Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program, funding assistance, and cooperative work with the North Bay Watershed Association on watershed and water resource issues of common interest with the Agency.

The original Agreement has twice been amended by the Agency's General Manager/Chief Engineer to extend the schedule with no additional cost or scope. Schedule extensions were necessary to accommodate such factors as the unavailability of third party matching grant funds, the adoption schedule of the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Plan, and State and Federal regulated implementation schedules affecting T.M.D.L. and Enhancement Plan work. The latest schedule as provided in the existing Second Amended Agreement expired June 30, 2009.

The R.C.D., whose geographic jurisdiction includes the entire watersheds of the Petaluma River and Sonoma Creek, and a portion of Stemple Creek, has extensive experience and expertise in watershed management, regional planning, public outreach and education, groundwater management, and resource conservation, along with a unique history of agricultural partnerships specifically within southern Sonoma County. These qualifications are highly beneficial to the Agency's goals in developing collaborative efforts on multiple watershed and water resource fronts. The Agency desires the R.C.D. to perform additional coordination and assistance services, including continued assistance in the planning, coordination, and public and stakeholder outreach for flood control, watershed and groundwater management, and water reuse issues. The Third Amended Agreement will provide for many of the same on-going services, referenced above, that have been performed under the existing Agreement and will specifically include stakeholder coordination for the development of potential storm water detention/groundwater recharge projects and recycled water projects. The amended agreement also provides for the preparation of a guidebook to guide the public (especially the agricultural community) in the implementation of projects associated with managed aquifer recharge and rainwater harvesting.

The Third Amended Agreement will extend the term of this Agreement to June 30, 2012 at an additional cost of \$175,000.

Termination

The Agreement includes provisions for the Agency's General Manager/Chief Engineer to terminate the Agreement.

Attachments:

None

On File With Clerk:

Amended Agreement (4 Copies); "Working Copy" of Amended Agreement showing changes (one copy for reference).

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: