

San Geronio Pass Water Agency

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TO: Board of Directors

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**SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR WORK
ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGIONAL WHOLESALE URBAN WATER
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve a change order for consulting services associated with the 2020 Regional Wholesale Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION

- Board of Directors – May 18, 2020: The Board discussed recommendation of a consulting firm to assist with the preparation the region’s Wholesale UWMP. A sole source contract utilizing the firm who prepared the Agency’s 2015 UWMP was recommended by staff. The Board considered the item and requested a total of three proposals be brought back to the Board for consideration.
- Board of Directors – August 17, 2020: Staff obtained a total of three proposals from qualified consulting firms for UWMP preparation and made a recommendation to the Board. The Board selected Tully & Young Inc. to prepare the region’s 2020 Wholesale UWMP.

BACKGROUND

The California Water Code requires that wholesale and retail water providers of at least 3,000 acre-feet of water or with 3,000 or more retail connections, prepare and submit an UWMP every five years. The Agency is updating the existing UWMP for 2020. The locally adopted, 2020 UWMP must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2021.

During the 2015 UWMP effort, long term supply opportunities associated with additional State Water Project storage and conveyance improvements/investments were identified. Conversely, medium-term (10-20 year) water supply challenges were identified. Within the Agency region, three retail suppliers are large enough to necessitate the preparation of their own retail UWMP’s. Significant emphasis for the 2020 planning efforts is to coordinate with local retail purveyors to obtain regional consistency across UWMP documents as well as collective future supply/demand projections.

ANALYSIS

During the course of preparing and finalizing the plan, additional effort in certain areas of the plan are needed. Areas of the plan requiring additional effort are as follows:

- Additional coordination with retail entities to accurately describe all sources of supply for a holistic “systems approach” perspective for the regional water supply portfolio.
- Delta reliance analyses.
 - It should be noted that the Department of Water Resources UWMP Guidebook for 2020 plans was finalized in March 2021 and discussions with the Delta Stewardship Counsel with State Water Contractors regarding Delta Reliance are ongoing through throughout this process. The above has resulted in additional time to adjust to new developments during the planning process.
- Increased ongoing regular meetings with retailers and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (to coordinate cross-county plans).
- Agency staff has requested increased coordination with Agency counsel throughout this process.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Agency has budgeted \$125,000 for the 2020 UWMP in the current fiscal year. The Board contracted for preparation of the 2020 UMWP with Tully and Young Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed amount of \$93,000. The additional scope items described above are expected at a cost not-to-exceed \$15,000 bringing the total cost for the 2020 UWMP to a not-to-exceed total of \$108,000.

ACTION

Staff requests that the Workshop recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize staff to issue a change order for consulting services for the Agency’s 2020 Urban Water Management Plan for \$15,000.