



July 7, 2022

TO: LOCSO Board of Directors

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 12F – 07/07/2022 Board Meeting

Adopt a resolution 2022-26 authorizing a Special Services Agreement for environmental monitoring and reporting services related to the construction of the District's Program C Well Project.

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DESCRIPTION

The District has been pursuing the development of a Los Osos Basin Plan Program C well for over four years. The Board approved the selection of a site for the well at its November 5, 2020 meeting. The project phases of work include environmental review and certification, well drilling/construction, well equipping and pipeline construction. Through a competitive process, SWCA was selected to perform the environmental work for the first phase of the project. At the District's request, SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) has provided a proposal to perform the necessary environmental services work required as conditioned by the County and required by the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the remaining three phases of work. Staff is requesting authorization to enter into a Special Services Agreement with SWCA for the environmental monitoring and reporting services for this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item will be approved along with the Consent Calendar unless it is pulled by a Director for separate consideration. If so, Staff recommends that the Board adopt the following motion:

Motion: I recommend the Board adopt Resolution Number 2022-26 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a Special Services Agreement with SWCA for the Program C Well Project environmental monitoring and reporting services not to exceed \$60,570.

DISCUSSION

Background

The District has been pursuing the development of a Los Osos Basin Plan Program C well for over four years. In early 2020, the District released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure environmental services to evaluate five potential well site. SWCA was the lowest cost, responsible proposer during the process and selected to do the work. The Board approved the selection of a site for the well at its November 5, 2020 meeting. The Board the approved the optional tasks in the SWCA original agreement to complete the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration work.

The next phases of the project include the well drilling, well equipping and construction of pipeline which all require environmental monitoring and reporting. At the request of staff, SWCA has provided a proposal to perform the required services (attached). In order to execute a non-competitive Special Services Agreement with SWCA and absent clear District policy direction on this issue in

the District's purchasing policy, California Government Code Section 53060 authorizes the Board to adopt a resolution, with findings, that state "the persons providing the special services are specially trained and experienced and competent to perform the special services required".

Statement of Findings

SWCA is uniquely qualified to provide the environmental monitoring and reporting as previously described in state law and applicable to the Program C Well Project. Because of SWCA involvement in the critical phases of the project leading up to the actual construction, they are uniquely positioned and knowledgeable because of their involvement in the project to date, and qualified to continue the environmental services required to complete the project. Based on these qualifications, staff believes SWCA meets the criteria as described in the state law.

Financial Impact

As part of the District's Fund 500 Capital Improvement Plan, funding was established to support the implementation of the Program C Well Project. Adequate funds are available to support the phases of the project described in the proposal.

Attachments

1. Resolution 2022-26
2. SWCA Proposal