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SUBJECT: Ratify Contract Change Orders Numbers 1 and 2 for Nested Multi-Depth and Shallow Single Completion Monitoring Wells Drilling, Construction and Development Project (Project) with WildRose Drilling, LLC dba WildHeron Drilling of Rocklin, California for Construction of the Project to Decrease Total Contract Amount From \$4,989,069.37 to \$2,725,019.37; Specification No. FOX24-01 – *(Returning Item)*

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Ratify Contract Change Order No. 1 decreasing total contract amount by \$269,000, and (2) Ratify Contract Change Order No. 2 decreasing total contract amount by \$1,995,050.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board approved Resolution Nos. 2022-01¹ and 2022-02² at the January 26, 2022, meeting, authorizing the Executive Officer to submit applications to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for funding from the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Implementation Grant Program to implement projects in the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin. The Agency received award notification letters from DWR dated April 28, 2022, for funding of \$7.6 million in each of the two basins. The Agency was apportioned approximately \$2,577,800 for the installation of multi-depth and shallow monitoring wells to fill monitoring network data gaps identified in the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs).

On February 28, 2024, your Board approved a contract with WildRose Drilling, LLC for the completion of the multi-depth and shallow single-completion monitoring wells grant components at a cost of \$4,989,069.37³. Although no matching is required by the grant, the Agency committed to funding the roughly \$2,400,000 remaining for the project.

DISCUSSION:

Five (5) locations and a total of ten (10) boreholes were to be drilled as nested multi-depth groundwater monitoring wells (each with two boreholes and two to three casings in each borehole). Completion of project is needed prior to December 31, 2024, and closeout of grant

¹ Resolution 2022-01: <https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Resolution-2022-01.pdf>

² Resolution 2022-02: <https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Resolution-2022-02.pdf>

³ Archived meeting materials are available at: <https://fcgma.org/board-agendas-broadcasts-minutes/>

agreements by April 30, 2025. Due to the concern of meeting the grant deadline when factoring in the permitting processes of Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District, and with the knowledge that the Agency will be able to meet all other grant requirements, the Interim Executive Officer directed staff to eliminate PNW-20 from the project. The cost of drilling this well would have been born entirely by the Agency, and as there is no requirement for matching funds, its removal did not affect the grant funding. The potential savings from this action was discussed with the Fiscal Committee, who recommended eliminating as much cost from this project to the Agency as possible.

Change Order Number 1 (attached as Exhibit 11A) with a reduction of \$269,000, was the first of the identified savings from the omission of the multi-nested well location PNW-20. Change Order No. 1 included survey efforts, noise mitigation and other quantifiable efforts that could be discretely identified in the contract. Bulk materials identified in the contract were not included because an accounting would be done at the end of the project.

Change Order Number 2 (attached as Exhibit 11B) incorporates other cost savings related to the omission of PNW-20 and other savings over the life of the project. The presence of shallow bedrock resulted in the omission of both deep borings at both PNW-17 and PNW-19, resulting in further significant cost savings in material and labor. Noise mitigation measures were not required at any of the drill sites resulting in a total contract reduction of \$175,000. Discharge storage tanks were not utilized at any of the shallow single completion wells, resulting in a total contract reduction in the amount of \$250,000. Change order No. 2 resulted in a \$1,999,050 reduction of the overall contracted total.

CONCLUSION:

Ratification of Contract Change Orders Numbers 1 and 2 are requested resulting in a contract reduction of \$2,268,050, and a new "not to exceed" contract total of \$2,725,019.37.

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 645.3942.

Sincerely,



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Interim Executive Officer

Attachments:

- Exhibit 11A – Contract Change Order Number 1 Spec No. Fox24-01
- Exhibit 11B – Contract Change Order Number 2 Spec No. Fox24-01