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February 28, 2023

Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Approval of and Authorization for the Ventura County Public Works Agency Director or His Designee to Execute a Consulting Services Contract for the Matilija Dam Removal 65% Design Planning Project Located in Unincorporated County of Ventura, with Water Systems Consulting Inc. to provide Public Outreach Services, Not to Exceed the Amount of \$249,490; Contract No. AE23-034; Project No. P6081905; Supervisorial District No. 1; Watershed Protection District Zone No. 1.

Recommendations:

1. Approve a consultant services contract with Water Systems Consulting Inc. (WSC) for public outreach services for the Matilija Dam Removal 65% Design Planning Project Public Outreach Services, in Unincorporated County of Ventura, not to exceed amount of \$249,490. Contract No. AE23-034, Project No. P6081905
2. Authorize the Director of the Public Works Agency or his designee to execute the subject contract if approved.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Watershed Protection District Zone 1 CDFW Prop 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenues and Costs:	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue:	\$ 124,745	\$ 124,745
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 124,745	\$ 124,745
Indirect-Agency Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect-County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 124,745	\$ 124,745



Net District Costs	\$	0	\$	0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$	0	\$	0

Current FY Budget Projection:

Current FY 2022-23 Budget Projection for Watershed Protection District Zone 1 - Unit 4211				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 6,719,500	\$11,114,793	\$ 8,134,900	\$ 2,979,893
Revenue	\$ 6,600,900	\$ 8,262,409	\$ 6,661,800	\$(1,600,609)
Net Cost	\$ 118,600	\$ 2,852,384	\$ 1,473,100	\$ 1,379,284

Sufficient appropriations and revenue are included in the FY 2022-23 Zone 1 Projected Budget. Sufficient appropriations and revenue will be included in the FY 2023-24 Budget as appropriate.

Discussion:

On May 23, 2017, your Board accepted a \$3,300,504 California Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoration Grant (Grant) for the Matilija Dam Removal 65% Design Planning Project located in the Unincorporated County of Ventura (related maps attached hereto as Exhibit 1 Vicinity Map and Exhibit 2 Location Map). The main grant tasks are: Field Investigations, Dam Removal Feasibility Study, Independent Technical Review, Review and Update Real Estate Plan, Overall Project Permitting Plan, Update CEQA, 65% Design Documents, Project Management and Administration, and Prepare Final Report.

The Watershed Protection District (District) received \$1,731,114 in additional Grant funding under the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program increasing the maximum amount of the original grant to \$5,031,618. These additional funds cover public outreach and the Public Works Agency staff time supporting public outreach and managing the contract. Other tasks funded include additional independent technical reviews, environmental compliance analyses, and reimbursement of California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams review fees. The grant amendment was executed on January 13, 2023.

The District requires assistance from qualified consultant to develop and execute comprehensive public outreach, public relations, and strategic communication planning to provide the project purpose, benefits, and impacts of the Matilija Dam Removal/Ecosystem Restoration project to stakeholders in the Ventura River watershed. The outreach and stakeholder feedback are important prior to completion of the Administrative Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for dam removal. Although public scoping per the California Environmental Quality Act was completed in 2020, current public input would continue the opportunity for stakeholders to receive the updated technical study results and provide input to the District regarding potential



benefits, impacts, and mitigation measures.

The dam will be removed following fluvial transport of coarse and fine sediment currently impounded by the dam, which may impact existing wells, floodplains, crops, and structures. Benefits include public safety (flood protection), water supply resiliency, restored natural river functions, and increased recreational opportunities in the outdoors.

Transmitted herewith is a consulting services contract (Exhibit 3) that has been negotiated with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. of San Luis Obispo California, in accordance with the policy on Contracting for Professional Consulting Services adopted by your Board, to perform public outreach services for the Matilija Dam Removal 65% Design Planning Project. The Contract is on a standard form previously reviewed by County Counsel.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If there are any questions regarding this item, please contact the undersigned at (805) 654-2040.

Sincerely,



Glenn Shephard, P.E.
Director, Watershed Protection District

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map
- Exhibit 2 – Location Map
- Exhibit 3 – Professional Services Contract No. AE23-034

