



One Water and Adaptation Committee

Environmental Planning On-call Agreements

Item 7-7

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Subject

Authorize on-call agreements with Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. and Rincon Consultants, Inc. in amounts not to exceed \$2 million each and ECORP Consulting, Inc., Dudek, and Environmental Science Associates in amounts not to exceed \$1 million each, for a maximum of five years for environmental planning services

Purpose

Contracting with multiple firms provides flexibility and an efficient means for Metropolitan to obtain needed environmental planning support for both Capital Investment Plan (CIP) projects and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) activities

Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Authorize agreements for environmental planning support of CIP and O&M activities

Fiscal Impact - None

Budgeted

Funding from approved budget

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Professional Services Agreements

- Environmental Planning Services On-call Agreements
 - Used when workload exceeds staff capabilities
 - Used for short-term assignments, urgent projects, or specialized technical expertise
 - Used for CIP projects and O&M activities
 - Allows for flexibility and expedited analysis
 - Work is not guaranteed to consultants

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Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 1402

- Issued April 2025 to establish pool of qualified firms
 - 4 technical categories in scope of work
 - SBE participation level – 25 percent
 - 27 firms responded
 - All firms determined to be qualified
 - 5 firms recommended for agreements

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Scope of Work

- Biological Resource Management
 - Endangered species surveys
 - Habitat assessments
- Cultural Resources Management
 - Archaeological surveys & recordation
 - Historic architecture documentation
- Regulatory Permitting Support & Guidance
 - Permit applications for CDFW, USFWS, USACE, & RWQCB
- General Environmental Planning Services
 - CEQA documents and technical studies
 - Environmental monitoring

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Alternatives Considered

- Use Project-Specific Agreements
 - Executing new agreements creates delays
 - Does not consider unplanned, urgent, or routine maintenance work
- Selected Alternative – Utilize On-call Agreements
 - Allows for highly specialized technical expertise
 - Timely completion of work
 - Reduced costs

Board Options

- Option #1

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- Option #2

Do not authorize the consulting agreements at this time.

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

