

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
 ___/___/___ ___/___/___
Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**

Department: Permit and Resource Management
 Department/Sonoma County Water Agency

() 4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
 6/2/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Planning Assistance Contract-Agency and Permit and Resource Management Department

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

1. Authorize the General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) to execute an agreement with the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for planning assistance.
2. Authorize the General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) to amend the agreement for additional services as needed in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) to execute an agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for planning assistance and to amend that agreement for additional services as needed in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$

Contingencies \$
 (Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$

Unanticipated Revenue \$
 (Source:)

Other Avail Approp \$
 (Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$
 (Source:)

Additional Requested: \$

Add'l Funds Requested: \$

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

Water Conservation Ordinance will not be done

Background:

NOTE: Agreement for Services is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Summary

The Sonoma County Water Agency's is in the process of developing new water conservation standards for the various sanitation districts that are operated by the Agency and is proposing that the County include these standards in the countywide water conservation and low water use landscape ordinance to conserve both energy and water to reduce the County's carbon footprint and better manage the County's water resources. While the Agency can provide the technical assistance in establishing appropriate standards, the County Permit and Resource Management Department would incorporate those standards into an ordinance that would be integrated into the County's development code. PRMD would provide assistance in public outreach, prepare environmental documents, notices and staff reports for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Staff Recommendation

The Agency General Manager and the Director of the Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) recommend that the Board authorize execution of an agreement for PRMD to provide planning assistance to the Agency in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Attachments:

On File With Clerk:

Agreement between the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency for Planning Assistance related to the Agency's Water Conservation Program

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: