

COUNTY OF SONOMA AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT			Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date Held Until _____ Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No: _____	
Department: Sonoma County Water Agency			() 4/5 Vote Required	
Contact: Ann DuBay	Phone: (707) 524-8378	Board Date: 06-16-09	Deadline for Board Action:	
AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Amended Agreement for Coalition Building Services for Applied Solutions Initiative				
REQUESTED BOARD ACTION(S): 1. Authorize Chair to execute the First Amended Agreement for Coalition Building Services for Applied Solutions Initiative between the Sonoma County Water Agency and Julia Doermann (an increase of \$75,000). 2. Authorize Agency's General Manager/Chief Engineer to amend the Agreement provided amendments do not cumulatively increase the total cost to the Agency by more than \$25,000 (taking into account all prior amendments) and do not substantially change the scope of work.				
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT				
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			<u>ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL</u>	
Estimated Cost	\$	75,000	Contingencies	\$
Amount Budgeted	\$	75,000	(Fund Name:)	
Other Avail Approp (Explain below)	\$		Unanticipated Revenue	\$
			(Source:)	
Additional Requested:	\$	-0-	Other Transfer(s)	\$
			(Source:)	
			Add'l Funds Requested:	\$ -0-
Explanation (if required):				
Prior Board Action(s): 03/18/09 Board approved a Climate Protection Program				
Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:				

Background: Agreement and "Working Copy" on file with the Clerk.

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) and Julia Doermann (Consultant) entered into an agreement for coalition building for the Clean Counties Initiative, dated September 2, 2008, in the amount of \$24,400. (The "Clean Counties Initiative" is now referred to as the "Applied Solutions Initiative.")

The purpose of the agreement was to (1) identify opportunities for building a western states coalition of local agency partners who are also planning innovative, integrated projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve water and energy efficiencies, and (2) recommend a strategy for developing the coalition.

Julia Doermann was the only consultant contacted and was selected to perform the work because of the limited time frame, she was already familiar with the project due to her work in building multi-state coalitions, she has a great deal of experience in this type of work, she provided a reasonable schedule, and she did excellent work with the Western Governor's Association (WGA) in creating a multi-state coalition (including the Agency) for the purpose of attracting federal funding for fisheries restoration.

In performing the work prescribed in the original agreement, the Consultant identified strong opportunities for developing a coalition and outlined a strategy that includes building on the goodwill created by the Applied Solutions 2009 conference in Rohnert Park.

This amended agreement will allow the Consultant to carry out the day-to-day work necessary to build the coalition and carry out the strategy. Under this amended agreement, the Consultant shall:

- Assist the Agency in implementing, revising and updating a strategy to build a western states coalition for the purpose of seeking federal funding for innovative, integrated projects that reduce water consumption and energy use.
- Identify, contact and build relationships with leaders in communities that are developing innovative, integrated projects.
- Develop and strengthen Agency's relationships with the WGA, the Western States Water Council and other possible allies (as opportunities develop).
- Help coordinate Agency's western regional coalition efforts with its lobbying activities in Washington, D.C.
- Help coordinate the activities and lobbying efforts of the Applied Solutions Initiative – an Agency-led coalition of communities developing innovative, integrated projects that reduce energy and water use and greenhouse gas emissions.

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Attachments:

On File With Clerk: Agreement (4 Copies); "Working Copy" of Amended Agreement (1 copy)

CLERK OF THE BOARD USE ONLY

Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background (continued):

The Consultant is uniquely qualified for this work, as she served as a policy analyst for WGA from 1990 to 1996 and as a policy advisor for Governor John Kitzhaber of Oregon from 1996 to 2003 and has worked with all levels of government and stakeholders to collaboratively shape strategies, governance structures, policies, and practices, and to secure new and existing federal and state funds. Since September 2008, the Consultant has been working with the Agency to build a western-states coalition in order to seek federal funding for innovative projects that will reduce water consumption and energy use. Through her assistance in planning and attending the Applied Solutions conference in Rohnert Park, and through ongoing conversations and communications with coalition members, she has a thorough understanding of the project and the process.

INSURANCE

The standard insurance requirements for the original Agreement were modified at Consultant's request, and the modifications were approved by the Agency's General Manager/Chief Engineer.

TERMINATION

The Agreement includes provisions for the Agency's General Manager/Chief Engineer to terminate the Agreement.

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