

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 Not Required

Contact:

Wendy Gjestland

Phone:

(707) 521-1866

Board Date:

9/22/2009

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Second Amended Agreement for As-Needed Dive Services

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

1. Authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amended Agreement for As-Needed Dive Services for Water System Facilities between the Sonoma County Water Agency and Aqua-Tech Company (\$100,000).
2. Authorize the 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 and do not substantially change the scope of work.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$100,000	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$0
Amount Budgeted	\$100,000	Unanticipated Revenue (Source:)	\$0
Other Available Appropriations (Explain Below)	\$0	Other Transfers (Source:)	\$0
Additional Requested	\$0	Additional Funds Requested	\$0

Explanation (if required)

Prior Board Action:

- 1/15/08 Approved Agreement for As-Needed Dive Services for Water System Facilities.
 4/27/04 Approved agreement between Sonoma County Water Agency and Aqua-Tech Company for Tank Coating Inspection, Cleaning, and Repair Services.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

Dive services will not be available for the completion of Sonoma County Water Agency's Collector Capacity Analysis or necessary underwater repairs, cleaning, and maintenance of various water system facilities.

Background:

On April 27, 2004, the Agreement for Tank Coating Inspection, Cleaning, and Repair Services was executed between the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) and the Aqua-Tech Company (Aqua-Tech). The Agreement provided Aqua-Tech with \$150,000 in funding to complete inspections, cleaning, and repairs on water storage tanks throughout the Agency’s water transmission system.

In April 2007, a maintenance issue occurred in one of the Agency’s radial collector wells located along the Russian River that required the services of certified divers. On May 22, 2007, the Agreement for Tank Coating Inspection, Cleaning, and Repair Services was amended to include dive services within the radial collector wells.

Upon completion of these maintenance services, because Agency staff did not possess the specialized training and experience needed to conduct such services, the Agency determined that it would be prudent to enter into an as-needed dive services agreement to provide necessary services within the Agency’s water system that are either planned or needed on an emergency basis. Several firms were verbally contacted, but Aqua-Tech was the only firm located near the Agency that had the specialized expertise and experience necessary to carry out as-needed dive services within the potable water system. In addition, Aqua-Tech provided excellent service to the Agency under the Agreement for Tank Coating Inspection, Cleaning, and Repair Services and gained familiarity with the Agency’s water system. On January 29, 2008, the Agreement for As-Needed Dive Services (Agreement) was executed. The agreement was amended once to correct payment language in order to roll unspent monies over from year to year.

Since execution of the original Agreement, several large projects have been identified that require the use of experienced divers. Specifically, the Agency is undertaking a large project in order to develop a capacity baseline for the radial collector wells in the Mirabel and Wohler area. The Agency has noted a decline in the capacity of the radial collector wells and, in order to monitor each collector’s individual performance and make assessments of their anticipated life span, divers are required to collect various readings underwater while the facilities are in operation. In addition, several transmission system storage tanks are in need of inspection, cleaning or repair and it is most efficient to leave the tanks in service and employ divers rather than drain the tanks and remove them from the system.

This Second Amended Agreement adds \$100,000 to the Agreement in order to provide these necessary services as well as any other as-needed dive services that may arise. In addition to the funding increase, the second amendment also extends the expiration date of the agreement to June 30, 2012, in order to provide Agency staff with greater flexibility for completion of the various maintenance projects.

Agency staff recommends that the Second Amended Agreement for As-Needed Dive Services for Water System Facilities be executed in order to allow a wide variety of dive services to be provided to the Agency.

TERMINATION

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

Attachments:

None.

On File With Clerk:

Amended Agreement (4 Copies)

CLERK OF THE BOARD USE ONLY

Board Action (If other than “Requested”)

Vote: