



## **ACTION ITEM**

### Contract Amendment with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to Extend the Performance Period

#### **Summary**

This item is a request for approval to amend existing contract #1461 with Stantec to extend the contract term by one year. The extension of time is needed for the completion of a visualization tool for the Council's Delta Adapts initiative and for the upcoming rulemaking for the Ecosystem Amendment, which are already contemplated within the scope of work.

#### **Requested Action**

Approve Resolution 2023-03 to authorize the Executive Officer, or her delegee, to amend existing contract #1461 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to extend the contract term expiration date from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

#### **Background**

This contract amendment provides additional time to complete a visualization tool for the Council's Delta Adapts initiative and support for the upcoming rulemaking for the Ecosystem Amendment, which are both contemplated within the existing scope of work. No additional funds are proposed to be added at this time.

#### **Information about the Topic**

##### **Delta Adapts Visualization Tool**

Pursuant to this contract, Stantec subcontractor Arcadis is developing a computerized tool that allows evaluation and visualization of climate change scenarios and multiple adaptation strategies for the Council. This Adaptation Visualization Tool compiles outputs of modeling conducted for the Council's Delta

Adapts initiative and presents them in a user-friendly, online dashboard. This can help Delta stakeholders, and the general public evaluate adaptation strategies and visualize potential tradeoffs. This approach leverages digital tools combined with expert knowledge to unlock deeper insights into the modeling outputs, quickly export data, and increase public awareness and understanding of the potential initiatives to make the Delta more resilient in the face of climate change. The Council approved a contract amendment with Stantec for Arcadis to perform this work on May 26, 2022. Due to the complexity of this task and its interrelationship with other pending aspects of the Delta Adapts initiative, additional time to complete the visualization tool is required.

### Future support for Ecosystem Amendment Rulemaking

Amendments to the Delta Plan that are regulatory in nature require compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code § 11340 et seq.) rulemaking process. The Council approved amendments to Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan, Protect, Restore, and Enhance the Delta Ecosystem, on June 23, 2022. Some of the amendments are policies that require regulatory amendments to go into effect.

The Council approved a contract amendment with Stantec creating budget capacity for this work on May 26, 2022. Given the workload of other priorities, additional time for the Ecosystem Amendment rulemaking will be required.

### Fiscal Information

Not Applicable

### List of Attachments

No attachments

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