

Contract Amendment for Delta Plan Implementation

Requested Action: Authorize the Executive Officer to increase by \$800,000 the total amount of the contract with CH2MHill for completion of several tasks related to initial implementation of the Delta Plan and for final transfer of data and other information from the consulting team to Council staff. The increase of \$800,000 will be funded by Proposition 84 and the State's General Fund.

Background

Senate Bill No. 870, Chapter 712, 3885-001-0001 (2), appropriated Proposition 84 funds to the Delta Stewardship Council to support development of the Delta Plan and an associated Environmental Impact Report. Using these funds, the Council entered into several technical service contracts to assist in developing the Delta Plan, one of which was awarded to CH2MHILL to provide project management, technical services and environmental services for the Council. In fiscal year 2014-15 the Council received additional money from the General Fund to support consulting services and contracts for its Planning, Performance, and Information Technology Division.

The Delta Plan was adopted on May 13, 2013 and its regulatory provisions approved on Sept. 1, 2013, but several high-priority tasks remain ongoing. These tasks require additional time and funding to fully implement or to transfer knowledge, data and processes between the consulting team and Council staff. All of the activities described below (with the exception of litigation support) were included in the original scope of work for this contract.

Contract Amendment

An amendment is needed to the Delta Plan contract to add \$800,000 in funding to support the following activities.

1. Delta Plan Completion/Initial Implementation

- Continuing the performance measure activities described in the existing task order will complete the process outlined in the Delta Plan. The Council received a briefing on the progress of the performance measure efforts to date, and on the next steps, at the December 2014 Council meeting. The Council was supportive of the action plan as it was described, which included the following tasks:
 - Completing a full assessment of remaining 33 output/outcome performance measures.
 - Preparing a final report on all Delta Plan performance measures, including their readiness for implementation and any necessary recommendations for refinements to these measures.

- Supporting newly hired Council staff in the transfer of information, knowledge and processes for assessing and implementing Delta Plan performance measures and in implementing output/outcome measures.
- Supporting staff in development of reporting formats (paper and web-based) for Delta Plan performance measures.
- GIS files and information. This information was essential in creating maps and graphics for the Delta Plan. At the time of development and until recently there were no Council staff with experience in this field so the consulting team has maintained these files. With the recent addition of two experienced staff we are now able to transfer this information in-house under the existing task order.

2. Delta Plan Support

- Supporting Council staff with technical inquiries related to Delta Plan and EIR litigation as well as general inquiries related to the development of the current plan and EIR. Continued support and expertise provided by the CH2M Hill consulting team provides continuity for near-term needs related to this task order.

Fiscal Information

Funds will be provided from the Proposition 84 account (approximately \$150,000 left in this account) and from the Council's General Fund allocation (\$650,000). With this proposed amendment, the total amount of the contract over five years will be \$14,250,000.

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