



ACTION ITEM

Approval of a Contract Amendment with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to Support the Amendment of Chapter 4 by Extending the Performance Period and Increasing Budget

Summary: Council staff requests approval to amend existing contract #1461 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) to extend the contract performance period by one year until June 30, 2023 and increase the contract amount by an additional \$365,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,375,000. The additional time and budget will support the completion of a visualization tool for the Council's Delta Adapts initiative and may include future tasks related to rulemaking for the Ecosystem Amendment.

REQUESTED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Council approve Resolution #2022-04 which will authorize the Executive Officer, or her delegee, to amend existing contract #1461 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to extend the performance period expiration from June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and increase the contract amount by \$365,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,375,000.

The Executive Officer has delegated authority, up to \$750,000, to enter into contractual agreements on the Council's behalf. This contract amount is more than the Executive Officer's delegated authority, and consequently, this amendment requires Council approval.

BACKGROUND

Under this contract, the Stantec team has assisted Council staff in developing amendments to the Delta Plan over the past six years. The Delta Plan amendments included updates to parts of Chapter 3, *A More Reliable Water Supply for California*, Chapter 7, *Reduce Risk to People, Property, and State Interests*, and other related sections of the Delta Plan. Such amendments included revisions to Delta Plan chapter narrative, policies, recommendations, and performance measures. Currently, Council staff are developing an amendment to Chapter 4, *Protect, Restore, and Enhance the Delta Ecosystem*.

The Executive Officer requests this contract amendment to provide contractual capacity for consultant support to complete a pending task to prepare a visualization tool for the Council's Delta Adapts initiative and a future task related to rulemaking for the Ecosystem Amendment.

Delta Adapts Visualization Tool

Stantec subcontractor Arcadis will develop a computerized tool that allows evaluation and visualization of climate change scenarios and multiple adaptation strategies for the Council. This Adaptation Visualization Tool will compile outputs of modeling conducted for the Council's Delta Adapts initiative and present them in a user-friendly, online dashboard. This can help Delta stakeholders and the general public to 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.

If the Council approves the proposed contract amendment, work to complete the visualization tool would be authorized by task order for an amount not to exceed \$162,690 within a performance period of 36 weeks.

Future support for Ecosystem Amendment Rulemaking

Amendments to the Delta Plan that are regulatory in nature will require compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking process (Gov. Code § 11340 et seq). As part of the current Ecosystem Amendment project, staff is recommending amendments to Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan, *Protect, Restore, and Enhance the Delta Ecosystem* to the Council that would require proposed regulatory amendments.

If the Council approves the proposed contract amendment, and if the Council approves staff's recommended amendments to Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan, work to complete rulemaking for proposed regulatory amendments would be added to the scope of work and authorized in a future task order, with budget and schedule to be determined at that time based on the scope of regulatory amendments authorized by the Council. At this time, staff requests that the Council amend the contract to provide a budget for this future task of \$202,310. If additional funds or time are required to complete this task, staff will bring a subsequent amendment request to the Council for approval.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Funds will be provided from unobligated Fiscal Year 21-22 and 22-23 Council funds (\$162,690 and \$202,310, respectively, for a total budget amendment of \$365,000). With this proposed amendment, the total amount of the contract is not to exceed \$6,375,000.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Resolution #2022-04

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