

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Salinas, California

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SUBJECT: **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC ECORISK**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$250,000 between the City of Salinas and Pacific EcoRisk for services related to the implementation and reporting of water quality monitoring requirements as stipulated in the City of Salinas NPDES Permit (Permit No. CA0049981).

DISCUSSION:

The City of Salinas was issued its current stormwater NPDES permit from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in 2012. Section P and Attachment D of the permit outline the minimum sampling, analysis, and reporting requirements the City must implement to be compliant with the NPDES permit. The Salinas Stormwater Monitoring Program (SSMP) addresses the following:

- Urban Catchment Pilot Project Monitoring
- Stormwater Discharge Trend Monitoring
- Receiving Water Monitoring
- Background Receiving Water Monitoring
- TMDL Program Monitoring (Lower Salinas River Fecal Coliform and Nutrient TMDLs)

Ideally, results from the SSMP can be utilized to assess pollutant loading to local waterbodies as a result of activities within the City; these results then help determine the successful implementation of stormwater management practices in addition to identifying areas that require further mitigation. Salinas' stormwater monitoring program, implemented by Pacific EcoRisk, has been in place since Year 1 (2012); however, current research indicated that a professional services agreement was not in place to facilitate payment to Pacific EcoRisk per current Finance Department policies.

A request for qualifications (RFQ) was issued and advertised to consulting firms on February 26, 2016 for services related to NPDES Permit Support. Submittals were received from 14 firms with only one firm having water quality sampling and laboratory analysis capabilities, Pacific EcoRisk. In addition, Pacific EcoRisk has been working with the City of Salinas for over ten years, assisting with the design,

implementation, and reporting activities required per the monitoring program requirements outlined in the City's NPDES permit. They have a good working relationship with the City and the Central Coast Water Board and are very familiar with the City's stormwater monitoring and reporting requirements. Based on their qualifications and their experience, particularly in working with the City on its permit, Pacific EcoRisk was selected as the best-qualified firm to provide the desired services.

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council approve a resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$250,000 between the City of Salinas and Pacific EcoRisk for services related to implementation of a water quality monitoring and reporting program to meet the City's NPDES Permit requirements?

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total funding in the amount of \$250,000 for the Salinas Stormwater Monitoring Program (SSMP) comes from a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) fund, 9436 - Storm Water Monitoring NPDES, containing funds set aside specifically for the SSMP program. This CIP fund was approved as part of the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2016-17 approved by Council on June 14, 2016. Thus, sufficient funds are available to enter into this contract.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

Stormwater monitoring and reporting activities for Permit Year 5 began July 1, 2016. Approval of the Professional Services Agreement will facilitate payment of all invoices received from Pacific EcoRisk for services rendered to date, as well as allow payment for stormwater monitoring support for the remainder of FY 16/17.

ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

Council may elect not to approve the proposed and direct staff how to proceed. The implications of this would be 1) determination of how to pay the outstanding invoices from Pacific EcoRisk and 2) how to procure another vendor midstream to complete the remaining storm water monitoring and reporting requirements.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

Approval of the Professional Services Agreement is in alignment with the City's goal to maintain compliance with all regulatory permits, which supports the City Council's goals of an effective, efficient government and maintenance of a safe, livable community.

CONCLUSIONS:

At its meeting on February 7, 2017, the City Council is requested to adopt a resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$250,000 between the City of Salinas and Pacific EcoRisk for services related to implementation and reporting of water quality monitoring requirements as stipulated in the City of Salinas NPDES Permit (Permit No. CA0049981).

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