

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 11, 2011

TO: Water/Sewer Committee

FROM: Cari Dale, Water Utilities Director

SUBJECT: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,769 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RECON ENVIRONMENTAL FOR REQUIRED REVISIONS TO THE EXISTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE HAYMAR SEWER SEGMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the Water/Sewer Committee recommend that the Utilities Commission recommend that the City Council approve Amendment 1 in the amount of \$26,769 with RECON Environmental of San Diego, California for required revisions to the existing Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Haymar Sewer Segment Replacement Project; and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement (Exhibit A).

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Oceanside has identified a portion of the Haymar sewer for immediate replacement. The existing 15" Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP) was installed in 1961 and is listed on the City's Integrated Water Utilities Master Plan as a future scheduled replacement project. This project consists of the relocation of approximately 400 linear feet of 15" gravity sewer pipe.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was completed on August 29, 2008. Since that time, several alignment and construction options have been reviewed and analyzed. Staff has determined that a trenchless technology to install the proposed pipe would result in a decrease to the environmental and archeological impacts on the project. Trenchless technology is installation by means of directional drilling. A pit will be excavated at each end of the project and a directional drilling machine will install the pipe between the two pits. This process will decrease the excavated and disturbed area by 85%. Staff has also conferred with interested parties and received concurrence on the use of trenchless technology to reduce impacts. Due to these changes, a revision to the original MND is necessary to reflect the new installation method and a decrease in the environmental and archeological impacts.

In January of 2011, an internal liner will be installed in the unprotected downstream segment of pipe to provide stability until this project can be completed.

## **ANALYSIS**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was completed on August 29, 2008 at which time RECON Environmental had fulfilled their obligation with respect to the original scope of work for the project. Since that time, staff has reviewed additional options of installation in an attempt to reduce environmental and archeological impacts. A revision to the MND is now required to represent the change in installation procedure and resulting impacts. Therefore, additional environmental services beyond the original scope are required to facilitate the completion of this project. The original Professional Services Agreement with RECON Environmental was in the amount of \$47,661, plus a Change Order of \$2,338; this amendment of \$26,769 combined with the original amount and the change order totals \$76,768, which requires Council approval.

Due to the recent pipeline break, the project will now be completed on an emergency basis. Staff is currently acquiring the Emergency Regional General Permit (RGP) No. 63 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers allowing work to begin immediately; all other permits will be obtained at the completion of the project by documenting all the impacts during construction; thus following standard procedures for emergency projects. RECON Environmental will be onsite during the construction to monitor and document the environmental and archeological impacts along with a Native American Monitor representing the Tribe. Upon completion of the construction, RECON will compile all the reports and make the required revisions to the MND; the new document will be sent to the State Clearinghouse for a public comment period. The comments received during this period will be reviewed, analyzed, and incorporated into the FINAL MND compiled by RECON Environmental. This FINAL MND will then be brought to Council for approval.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Miscellaneous Sewer fund (909547700722) has an available balance of \$472,519. Therefore, adequate funds are available for the project.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

The documents are being reviewed by the City Attorney.

## **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Exhibit A – Amendment No 1