



Topic: **Authority Board Consent Agenda Item 3-2** **2018 Jan 28**

Subject: **Contract Modification for Professional Services (ICF)**

Requested Action:

Consider approval of a modification to the ICF contract ceiling, and to approve additional scope and budget for continued support that includes the environmental analysis of the proposed field data collection activities.

Increases contract budget ceiling from \$1,344,013 to \$1,800,000.

Detailed Description/Background:

Staff has evaluated the current critical and schedule sensitive Project’s needs through Phase 1 completion (March 31, 2019) based on the revised approved Phase 1 Work Plan. These critical needs require existing Phase 1 consultants to perform additional tasks that were identified in the critical tasks list that was incorporated into the previously approved reprioritized budget. The additional tasks require consultants to exceed their current contract budget ceiling.

The following provides a brief overview of additional required studies and the revised contract budget ceiling for each consultant. The recommended contract ceilings include some budget contingency for any unanticipated critical task(s) that may be required to keep the Project on schedule and/or respond to any immediate regulatory agency request. Staff anticipates that the full consultant budget increases will not be needed.

ICF

Conduct additional studies such as:

- Support response to comments provided as comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and intended to support the development of biological assessments that support the needs of NMFS and USFWS relating to incidental take authorizations under Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act for the Sites Reservoir Project.
- Conduct field surveys to confirm certain geological/ geotechnical conditions, the presence or absence of species and habitats as well as cultural and historic resources. Development of analyses and reports that will allow the Authority to consider the effects of conducting preliminary investigations to support the preparation of the Biological Assessment and any other documents or permit applications needed to compliance with environmental regulations and statues.

Prior Authority Board Action:

The Authority has taken no action. The Reservoir Committee recommend approval of the contract modification of the contract ceiling and the additional scope and budget at its January 18, 2019 meeting.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Budget for the assigned tasks are included in the revised Phase 1 Work Plan approved by both the Authority and Reservoir Committee.

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Attachments:

None.