



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 6-8** **2019 Jan 28**

Subject: **Consulting Services Agreement for Service Area E**

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**Requested Action:**

Consider approval of the selection of ICF for Service Area E – Environmental Planning and direct staff to begin negotiating a consulting agreement initial task order and budget for services through March 31, 2019.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

ICF was the only firm that provided a Statement of Qualifications for Service Area E – Environmental Planning. The selection of a firm was differed since there was no need to immediately select a provider and there were issues with the submitted SOQ.

The President issued a memorandum on October 19, 2018 that established an accelerated timeline for completion of the Biological Opinions related to high value water management projects in California. The accelerated timeline is highly consistent with the goal of the CY2019 workplan and provides a challenge to refine the proposed project evaluated in the Biological Assessment (to be developed under Service Area F) and evaluated in the Final EIR/EIS.

The ad hoc selection committee requested that staff seek clarification from ICF to resolve the issues initially identified. ICF provided supplemental information on December 13, 2018. Those clarifications and the remainder of the SOQ were evaluated by members of the selection committee and staff. The results of that evaluation were discussed at the December 20, 2018 Reservoir Committee but no action was requested or taken at that meeting.

At its January 18, 2019 meeting, the Reservoir Committee approved a recommendation to the Authority Board to select ICF for Service Area E – Environmental Planning and authorize staff to begin negotiation of a consulting agreement and initial task order for services March 31, 2019.

**Prior Authority Board Action:**

On August 20, 2018, the Authority Board approved the release of the Project Development Support Services RFQ-18-04.

On November 19, 2018, the Authority Board approved the deferment of a selection for Service Area E – Environmental Planning until a future date.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

Funding for this service area has been assigned from the reprioritized Phase 1 Budget approved by the Authority Board of Directors and the Reservoir Committee.

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**Attachments:**

None