



Topic: **Reservoir Committee Agenda Item 7-4** **2018 Jan 18**

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

Requested Action:

Consider approval of a recommendation to the Sites Project Authority Board of Directors to approve the Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee’s recommendation to begin negotiating a consulting agreement with ICF for Service Area E – Environmental Planning and approved an initial set of task orders and budget for services through March 31, 2019.

Detailed Description/Background:

ICF was the only firm that provided a Statement of Qualifications for this Service Area. Selection 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. However, the ad hoc selection committee did make the recommendation to bring the issue before the Reservoir Committee at its January 18, 2019 meeting.

Prior Reservoir Committee Action:

Accepted the Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee’s recommendation to defer moving forward with making a selection recommendation and requested the Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee develop and recommend a path forward. Subsequently, the Authority Board accepted this recommendation.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None

Staff Contact:

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Attachments:

None