



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board**
Agenda Item 1.4

October 18, 2024

Subject: **Task Order No. 4 Amendment No. 7 for CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. (CH2M) Operations**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of:

- A) A task order amendment with CH2M Operations for additional modeling services in the amount of \$288,892, bringing the total task order amount to not exceed \$3,646,102 for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025.
- B) FY24 budget adjustment to the permitting subject area with funds being reallocated from the engineering subject area.

Detailed Description/Background:

CH2M provides modeling services related to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Incidental take Permit (ITP), development of the water right application along with assistance, including testimony, through the hearing process and for the permitting process. The proposed task order amendment would provide contract authority and budget to address additional level of effort for the ITP application and water right as presented below.

- **California Endangered Species Act (CESA) ITP Support (\$128,721)** – Through discussions with CDFW, additional modeling runs were needed to understand and characterize the potential impacts of the Project on state-listed species. In addition to the modeling efforts, additional level of effort was needed to work with CDFW and the Authority team to respond to questions and address topics related to the modeling effort. While this effort is largely completed, the CH2M team continues to assist the Authority in consideration of how changes in the operations of the CVP and SWP may drive future modeling needs and modeling assumptions.
- **Operations Modeling and Support for the Water Right Application and Permitting Process (\$160,171)** – The CH2M modeling team has and will continue to provide technical analyses to support the water right application and hearing process. Additional level of effort has occurred and is anticipated through the end of the calendar year to support the Authority through the water right hearing process.

Prior Action:

April 2024: Approved Task Order No. 4 Amendment No. 5. Task Order No. 4 Amendment No. 6 was an increase of less than \$100k and therefore delegated to the Executive Director requiring no Board action.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The amendment would authorize a ceiling for CH2M’s total billings under the contract to an amount Staff believes will be sufficient for the remainder of 2024. Staff believes the anticipated 2025 effort needed to secure the water right permit in July 2025 is sufficiently addressed in the 2025 annual budget which is also being brought to the Board for approval at the October 2024 meeting.

Funding for this FY24 increase to the CH2M task order amendment will come from a budget transfer of engineering subject area to the permitting subject area. The engineering subject area scope and budget were recently reassessed considering the budget constraints resulting from water right permit schedule delays and priorities have been shifted to maintain the most critical work to achieve investor commitment. Engineering scope and budget previously planned for Phase 2 will be deferred to Phase 3. The transfer from the engineering subject area to the permitting subject area results in a zero-sum difference to the 2024 overall Work Plan budget. The 2024 Permitting subject area budget changes from \$8,215,679 to \$8,504,571 and the 2024 Engineering subject area budget changes from \$23,387,201 to \$23,098,309 upon approval of this adjustment.

The task order ceiling prior to this task order amendment was \$3,357,210 and would be increased to \$3,646,102.

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Attachments:

None.