

**MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **JUNE 13, 2006**

From:  **JAMES DURFEE**

Subject: **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MHM-SACRAMENTO;  
NEWCASTLE SANITARY DISTRICT/REGIONAL WASTEWATER PROJECT**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approve an Agreement with the firm of MHM-Sacramento in an amount not to exceed \$150,320, effective July 1, 2006, for professional consulting services associated with the Newcastle Sanitary District's involvement in the Regional Wastewater Project; and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The Newcastle Sanitary District (NSD) provides wastewater management services for approximately 500 customers in the community of Newcastle. The NSD Treatment Plant cannot be upgraded to meet current regulatory requirements, and has been included in the Placer County Regional Wastewater Project. Through previous actions by your Board, the Bickford Ranch sewer system is being constructed to accommodate flows from the NSD. As part of the Regional Wastewater Project, a pipeline and lift station will be constructed to convey wastewater from Newcastle to the Bickford Ranch pipeline.

The NSD is a small district without staff resources. The NSD Board of Directors has requested that the County assist in managing the design and construction of the pipeline to Bickford Ranch. Staff recommends contracting with MHM-Sacramento to provide support and engineering services associated with this request. The work is programmed within the County's approved grant work plan with EPA Region 9, and will be reimbursable under that program.

MHM has provided a proposal for the requested services. Tasks will include data assessment, review of previous engineering studies, preliminary planning for decommissioning the NSD Treatment Plant and conveyance systems, cost estimation, development of project reports and preliminary design documents, and assistance in developing funding plans. MHM proposes to provide these services for a fee not to exceed \$150,320. In order to proceed, your Board's approval of a contract is recommended. The contract is available at the Clerk of the Board's Office for review.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** Approval of this contract for general consulting services is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** MHM proposes to provide the recommended services for a fee not to exceed \$150,320. These costs are reimbursable through federal grants.

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