

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

To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Date: AUGUST 10, 2010

From: *JD* JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON

Subject: **AGREEMENT WITH AES FOR PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SMD 3 REGIONAL SEWER PROJECT**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that your Board approve an Agreement with Analytical Environmental Services (AES) for the preparation of an environmental document for the Sewer Maintenance District 3 (SMD 3) Regional Sewer Project (Project) in an amount not-to-exceed \$116,455, and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: As a separate item on today's agenda, staff is requesting your Board's approval of an agreement for the design of the Project. The proposed project includes decommissioning the existing wastewater treatment plant and constructing a pump station and pipeline to convey wastewater to the SMD 2 collection system and the City of Roseville's wastewater treatment plant.

In January of this year, staff sent a Request for Work Plan and Cost Estimate to six firms on the County's list of prequalified Environmental Consultants (Qualified List 9749). Staff reviewed three responses received, and selected AES as the best qualified firm to perform the work. AES's also provided the lowest overall cost proposal. Accordingly, staff negotiated an Agreement with AES to prepare an environmental document for the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Agreement includes preparation of a Preliminary Analysis that will clarify the potential impacts and determine whether a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required for the Project. The Agreement also includes completion of the MND or EIR.

In order to proceed with the preparation of the environmental documentation for the Project, staff requests your Board's approval of the Agreement with AES. A copy of this Agreement is available for review at the Clerk of the Board's office.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: Approval of an Agreement to prepare environmental documentation is not considered a project under the CEQA. Environmental review addressing the potential impacts of the proposed Project will be prepared concurrently with the project design.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost of providing services included in the Agreement is \$116,455. Sufficient funds are available in the SMD 3 Plant Regional Sewer Project Capital Budget. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will reimburse the County for 75% of the cost of the services provided under the Agreement.

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OFFICE: AGREEMENT

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