



MEMORANDUM
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES
STORMWATER DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: July 12, 2016

FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works and Facilities
By: Bob Costa, Deputy Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Stormwater Quality / Professional Services Agreement / Tahoe Resource Conservation District / Lake Tahoe Water Quality Monitoring

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Director of Public Works and Facilities, or designee, to execute a contract with the Tahoe Resource Conservation District for continuation of the Lake Tahoe water quality monitoring in the amount of \$43,833 for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018, and to extend said contract for an additional three-year period (through December 31, 2021) at a negotiated amount not to exceed \$48,000 per year.

BACKGROUND

Placer County has three storm water quality discharge permits issued through the Lahontan and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Boards. The permit for the Tahoe Basin includes a requirement for water quality monitoring which has been conducted by the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tahoe RCD) for the last four and a half years. Funding for the work was obtained from various grant sources which will expire at the end of the current permit term (January 31, 2017). Tahoe RCD conducted this monitoring on behalf of seven participating jurisdictional entities in the Tahoe Basin for compliance with storm water monitoring requirements.

Storm water quality discharge permits are issued for a five-year term, and monitoring requirements are expected to continue. Tahoe RCD has been awarded a grant funded through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act to continue monitoring for the first two years of the next permit term. Each of the six benefitting Tahoe Basin jurisdictions (excluding no-longer participating Caltrans) are being asked to fund the fifty percent matching (\$43,833 each) requirement for the two year grant.

Though separate, individual, monitoring efforts by these jurisdictions is possible, a combined effort provides greater efficiency, better coordination, and is more cost effective. Having Tahoe RCD continue monitoring services into the next permit term, utilizing available grant funding, further reinforces those benefits. Procurement Services has determined that the benefits of this approach justify a sole-source contract with the Tahoe RCD for the five-year permit term. Since there is uncertainty about future grant funds for monitoring in years 3-5, each jurisdiction may have to fully fund monitoring efforts (\$48,000 per year).

ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT

Implementation of the Tahoe Water Quality Monitoring Plan is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Placer County Code Section 18.36.080 Class 6, Information Collection (CEQA Guidelines Section 15306).

FISCAL IMPACT

The total monitoring contract budget for the initial two year period is \$526,000, to be funded through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (\$263,000) and the six Tahoe Basin jurisdictions (\$43,833 each). The Department's 2016-2017 proposed budgets includes sufficient funding for the two year term. Budgeting for the future extension of the contract will be addressed when required.

Contract on file with the Clerk of the Board

