

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

From: *JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON*

Subject: **AGREEMENT WITH BENNETT ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. FOR  
ENGINEERING SERVICES SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL  
WASTEWATER PROJECT**

**ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION:** Approve an Agreement with Bennett Engineering Services, Inc. (BES) (Formerly M.H.M. – Sacramento) in an amount not to exceed \$47,830, for professional engineering services supporting the West Placer Regional Wastewater Project; and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The County, through its participation in the Placer Nevada Wastewater Authority (PNWA), is leading the implementation of a wastewater regionalization project for several western Placer County communities. The Project's objective is to eliminate several smaller aging treatment facilities by decommissioning the plants and constructing a regional system of pipelines to convey wastewater flows to larger regional wastewater treatment facilities.

BES has provided professional consulting services in association with the West Regional Wastewater Project for the past eight years. Based on this experience, their knowledge of the history of the project, and their involvement with the PNWA and its member agencies, staff believes that BES is uniquely qualified for this work and is recommending that your Board approve a sole source agreement for this project.

Staff negotiated the proposed Agreement to provide engineering services for the West Placer Regional Wastewater Project. Items include:

- Development of financial models comparing regionalization to local treatment plant upgrades.
- Corresponding and providing data to EIR and design consultants.
- Working with other agencies to insure the SR193 pipeline is built according to the Caltrans encroachment permit.
- Assisting in management of the EPA and Water Resources Development Act grant funds.
- If directed by the County, evaluate an alternative routing study to transport wastewater flows to the City of Lincoln in the event that the City of Auburn declines regionalization.
- If directed by the County, preparation of an RFP for a consulting project manager.

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A copy of the Agreement is available for review at the Clerk of the Board's office. As a separate action at this Board meeting, staff is requesting your Board's approval of an Agreement with BES to serve as the Executive Director of the PNWA.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** Approval of an Agreement for engineering services is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act. Any work performed pursuant to these studies will be subject to further environmental review.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The cost of providing services included in the Agreement is an amount not to exceed \$47,830. Adequate funding for this work exists in the FY 07/08 Regional Sewer Budget.

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AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD'S OFFICE: AGREEMENT WITH BENNETT ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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