

MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER

To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: FEBRUARY 26, 2008

From:  JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON

Subject: APPLEGATE PIPELINE PROJECT - JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve an Agreement with Jones & Stokes Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$168,333 for the preparation of a joint Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement for the Applegate Pipeline Project and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The Applegate Sewer County Service Area (CSA-24) consists of a wastewater collection system and pond treatment facility serving 27 connections (36 equivalent dwelling units). The Applegate wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) was constructed in 1975 and consists of three unlined storage ponds. The ponds are located over rocky soil in an area with high groundwater and spring activity. During wet weather, the ponds are prone to filling with rainwater, and on occasion have discharged to an adjacent creek to keep from overtopping. These discharges are violations of the WWTP's permit issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB). The CVRWQCB has issued several enforcement actions in response to these discharges; the most recent of which was Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R5-2005-0510 (ACLC).

On October 10, 2006, your Board authorized the Director of Facility Services to sign an agreement with the CVRWQCB that established the terms and conditions for settlement of the ACLC. These terms included the construction of a pipeline to convey flows from Applegate to SMD-1 and the closure of the Applegate Wastewater Treatment Facility. This project is part of a larger Regional Wastewater Project to decommission several small wastewater treatment plants, construct a regional pipeline, and convey wastewater to larger, downstream treatment plants.

Under a separate agreement, Jones & Stokes Associates, Inc. has completed preliminary planning for the Applegate Pipeline Project including preliminary studies, routing analyses and feasibility studies. Environmental review pursuant to both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) must be completed before design and construction of the pipelines can proceed.

Jones & Stokes Associates, Inc. is on the County's EIR Consultants Qualified List. Based on their preliminary work on the Applegate Regional Pipeline and the Regional Wastewater Project, and their extensive experience with CEQA and NEPA, staff believes that Jones & Stokes is the best qualified firm to perform this work.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** Approval of an agreement to prepare an EIR/EIS is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act. The environmental impacts of the Applegate Pipeline Project will be addressed in the EIR/EIS which will be brought back to your Board for certification.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The cost for completing the work included in this Agreement is an amount not to exceed \$168,333. Funding for this project is included in the FY 2007/08 Regional Sewer District Budget. The cost of this work is fully reimbursable through federal grant funding. A \$90,000 local match is required; current appropriations will cover this amount.

cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: AGREEMENT JONES & STOKES ASSOCIATES, INC.

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