

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **DECEMBER 9, 2008**

From: **JD JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE**

Subject: **KLEINFELDER WEST, INC. AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT OF LINCOLN MISSILE SITE TCE**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services to complete negotiations for an Agreement with Kleinfelder West, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$75,921 to construct two replacement monitoring wells and perform up to two years of semi-annual groundwater monitoring of seven monitoring wells at the former Titan 1-A Missile Facility, located near Lincoln, CA; and authorize the Director of Facility Services to execute the Agreement on behalf of your Board contingent upon review and approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

BACKGROUND: In 1968, Placer County acquired the former Titan 1-A missile facility located near Lincoln, CA from the United States Department of Defense (DOD). Since that time, the County has used this site as a corporation yard for the Department of Public Works and as trap, skeet, and pistol shooting ranges. Only the corporation yard use continues at the site today. Since 1991, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has conducted numerous investigations to evaluate the potential that past DOD operations created on-site soil and groundwater contamination. These studies identified that Trichloroethylene (TCE) is present in groundwater underlying the subject County property and adjacent properties owned by Ferrari, Drummond, and the Catholic Church. In October 2005, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requested that the County respond to a USACE allegation that Placer County activities generated the TCE contamination. The County hired Kleinfelder to evaluate historical and USACE study information, and this work resulted in Kleinfelder's determination that TCE contamination likely resulted from DOD operation of the Titan 1-A missile site. County Counsel has been in contact with USACE counsel regarding this matter. USACE counsel has informed County Counsel that USACE is preparing for negotiations with the County regarding allocation, if any, of responsibility for the contamination and will inform the County when USACE is ready to proceed. That notification is expected later this year or in early 2009, with County/USACE negotiations to follow.

Discussions with the RWQCB in early 2008 centered on their requirement for a resumption of monitoring at the site and in September 2008, RWQCB staff communicated the final scope of this work. The County agreed to replace two wells previously abandoned by USACE and conduct semi-annual monitoring of seven wells over the next two years. The County will submit reports to the RWQCB describing the

well installation and semi-annual monitoring. To accomplish this work a new professional services agreement is required and staff recommends the selection of Kleinfelder West, Inc., based on their expertise, experience and familiarity with environmental matters at the Lincoln missile site. Should future assessments or remediation be required, staff will return to your Board with recommendations to address RWQCB requirements. In order to proceed, it is requested that your Board delegate authority to the Director of Facility Services to finalize the contract negotiations and execute this Agreement, following its approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

By taking the action requested, the County is making no admission that it is responsible for, or has legal liability for, contamination at the monitoring locations or elsewhere at and around the Titan 1-A site. Responsibility and legal liability for such contamination, if any, is expected to be the subject of further discussions between the County, USACE, and potentially other parties.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: This site assessment project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15306, which provides for the collection of data and resource evaluation that does not result in major disturbance to an environmental resource.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost to complete these assessments is estimated at be \$84,000, which includes \$75,921 in consultant fees and \$8,079 for project management and contingency. There are sufficient funds to implement this Agreement with Kleinfelder West, Inc, appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund, Lincoln Missile Site Project 4762.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

JD:AR:MR:GS:DB

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES TO EXECUTE
A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
KLEINFELDER WEST, INC., TO PERFORM
ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AT THE
LINCOLN MISSILE SITE.

Resol. No: _____

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, 2008 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) investigated the potential that past Department of Defense (DOD) operations contaminated the groundwater with Trichloroethylene (TCE) at the Titan 1-A Missile Site near Lincoln, CA; and

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requested that the County respond to a USACE allegation that Placer County activities generated the TCE contamination; and

WHEREAS, the County hired Kleinfelder to evaluate historical and USACE study information, and Kleinfelder determined that TCE contamination likely resulted from DOD operations; and

WHEREAS, the RWQCB requires resumption of monitoring at the site, and the County agreed without admitting any liability to replace two wells previously abandoned by USACE, and to conduct semi-annual monitoring of seven wells over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the selection of Kleinfelder West, Inc., based on their expertise, experience and familiarity with environmental matters at the Lincoln missile site; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to execute a Consultant Services Agreement on behalf of your Board with Kleinfelder West, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$75,921 to perform additional environmental assessment, contingent on County Counsel and Risk Management approval.

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