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STAFF REPORT

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for additional engineering services required to update the Remediation Management Plan (RMP) for the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Program (Remediation Program) [in the additional amount of \$336,439.00 for a total contract amount of \$555,877.00]. The additional engineering services include a detailed evaluation and associated recommendations of certain portions of the current RMP and the Remediation Program to reflect the targeted approach to achieve Remediation Program efficiencies and objectives through alternative field work, sampling, modeling and mitigation activities with the goal of achieving "No Further Action" status from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for all identified sites by 2040. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Community Services Department (CSD) recommends that Amendment No. 3 to the previously approved professional services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., be approved to update the Remediation Management Plan (RMP) for the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Program (Remediation Program).

The Purchasing and Contracts Manager approved the original Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. on June 22, 2023, to provide consulting services to update the Remediation Management Plan. The broad objectives of the original agreement included a roadmap for remediating PCE to concentrations below drinking water standards.

Based on insights gained and discussions with key stakeholders since the original scope was prepared, CSD staff determined the need to expand on the original scope to provide a more in-depth focus on the components to achieve a comprehensive RMP which outline program goals, objectives, and priorities for the next fifteen years. Specifically, this RMP will clearly define stakeholder roles and responsibilities, describe the flow characteristics

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and extent of the PCE contamination, identify strategies to mitigate risk and manage contamination to achieve “no further action” from NDEP, and outline program priorities along with estimated operational, management, and project implementation costs for the next fifteen years.

Since 2023, the Purchasing and Contracts Manager approved two no-cost amendments (1 and 2) to extend the original termination date from May 31, 2024, to March 31, 2025, and then to December 31, 2025, respectively. This amendment does not affect the termination date, as the CSD is committed to completing the update before the end of this calendar year.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability:
Long-term sustainability.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 20, 2025, the Purchasing and Contracts Manager approved Amendment No. 2 to extend the termination date of the agreement from March 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

On April 12, 2024, the Purchasing and Contracts Manager approved Amendment No. 1 to extend the termination date of the agreement from May 31, 2024 to March 31, 2025

On June 22, 2023, the Purchasing and Contracts Manager approved the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. and Washoe County for services in support of the CTMRD Remediation Management Plan Update in the amount of \$219,438.00.

BACKGROUND

In 1997, per NRS 540A.250(1), the Board created, through the adoption of Ordinance 1000, District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation), a project within Washoe County providing for the collection of the costs for remediation of the quality of groundwater upon certification that a condition existed within the area. With the subsequent certification by the District Health Officer and the NDEP administrator, District No. 24 Remediation Program was created to address PCE contamination of groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows.

In 2002, the Remediation Management Plan was developed to provide guidance and define remedial actions needed for the Remediation Program. At that time, the primary purposes of the RMP were the following:

- Provide detailed background information
- Provide a concise listing of recommended actions
- Define the boundaries of the CTMRD
- Identify the costs associated with the implementation of the RMP and the continued funding of the Program
- Present discussions related to the equitable allocation of costs among those entities receiving benefits from the RMP implementation.
- Identify key collaborative relationships among entities that must be involved with implementing the RMP.

The RMP is considered a “living” document, requiring updates as the Program continuously evolves by responding to the current contamination levels and plume locations and the associated risk to public health. This Program is managed in collaboration with several stakeholders, including the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the NDEP, the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and Northern Nevada Public Health. The RMP Update reflects ongoing stakeholder input and addresses the real-time program goals and objectives to best serve the community in ensuring quality drinking water.

The current focus of the update will build upon the 2002 Plan and enhance it by incorporating a more in-depth evaluation of the current PCE plumes, describing the flow characteristics and extent of the contamination. Using various methods commonly used in the industry, CSD will determine the most cost-effective and efficient path forward to achieving “no further action” from NDEP, which includes evaluating the remediation strategy, if needed. The CSD will assess the anticipated costs and schedule to implement the remediation strategy if remediation is necessary. The evolved stakeholder roles and responsibilities will also be identified, including the expected costs of operating the Remediation Program and associated facilities for the next fifteen years.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve Amendment No. 3 to the professional consulting services agreement, there is sufficient funds and budget authority in the Remediation Program/Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Fund (266) in FY26, Remediation Facilities O&M (216101), Professional Services (710100). Revenues in support of the project are provided from remediation fees.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for additional engineering services required to update the Remediation Management Plan (RMP) for the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Program (Remediation Program) [in the additional amount of \$336,439.00 for a total contract amount of \$555,877.00]. The additional engineering services include a detailed evaluation and associated recommendations of certain portions of the current RMP and the Remediation Program to reflect the targeted approach to achieve Remediation Program efficiencies and objectives through alternative field work, sampling, modeling and mitigation activities with the goal of achieving “No Further Action” status from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for all identified sites by 2040.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for additional engineering services required to update the Remediation Management Plan (RMP) for the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Program (Remediation Program) [in the additional amount of \$336,439.00 for a total contract amount of \$555,877.00]. The additional engineering services include a detailed evaluation and associated

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