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SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize, as an invited signatory, the Memorandum of Agreement among the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the US Environmental Protection Agency (Region 9), the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and Washoe County, (UT #2019-5827), for the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 Project located within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory, a project necessary to respond to sanitary sewer demands from new area development. Agreement obligates the County to provide a historic preservation and treatment plan, an ethnographic study and archeological monitoring during construction. (Commission District 2.)

SUMMARY

The Community Services Department is recommending authorization, as an invited signatory, of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), the US Environmental Protection Agency - Region 9 (EPA), the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Washoe County. As an invited signatory, authorization of this MOA confirms Washoe County's commitment to meeting the duties and responsibilities established by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) for the possible unearthing of archeological artifacts during construction of portions of the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 Project (PVIR3 Project).

The PVIR3 Project has been planned for many years and is necessary for the successful conveyance of sanitary sewer flows from newly developed areas in the South Truckee Meadows as well as the existing St. James's Village residential development. The PVIR3 Project will extend a large-diameter interceptor pipe from the existing interceptor located in the Damonte Ranch Parkway, south to a point near the existing Dorothy Towne sewer lift station.

The Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 project intends to use funds from the State of Nevada – Revolving Funds program, which are considered Federal funds and therefore must meet Federal requirements. One of the requirements is compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Prevention Act. The MOA also requires the County to implement

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a Historic Properties Treatment Plan and ethnographic study (the study and systematic recording of human cultures.) of the Steamboat Springs area.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 14, 2020 the Board approved the Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025.

On June 3, 2020 the Board approved an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Washoe County and Carollo to provide construction management and bidding services for Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 and Pleasant Valley Lift Station Construction Management Services.

On June 3, 2020 the Board approved an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and NCE, Inc., commencing retroactive to August 25, 2020 through December 31, 2021, to complete the Environmental Assessment and Permitting for the Pleasant Valley Reach 3 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project.

On January 15, 2020, the Purchasing Contracts Manager approved Amendment #3 to the Agreement for professional services with Kautz Environmental Consultants for a Class 3 Archeological pedestrian inventory study in support for the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 environmental assessment project dated January 15, 2020, in the amount of \$23,503.00 (for a total contract amount of \$65,003.00).

On May 21, 2019, the Board approved the Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024.

On March 26, 2019, the Board approved Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and NCE, Inc., commencing March 26, 2019 through March 26, 2020, to prepare and submit Army Corps of Engineers and NDEP permit applications for the Pleasant Valley Reach 3 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory in the amount of \$34,775.00 for a total contract amount of \$112,260.

On March 14, 2019, the Purchasing Contracts Manager approved Amendment #2 to the Agreement for professional services with Kautz Environmental Consultants for a Class 3 Archeological pedestrian inventory study in support for the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 environmental assessment project dated March 14, 2018, in the amount of \$14,800 (for a total contract amount of \$41,500.00).

On December 7, 2018, the Purchasing Contracts Manager approved Amendment #1 to the Agreement for professional services with Kautz Environmental Consultants for a Class 3 Archeological pedestrian inventory study in support for the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 environmental assessment project dated December 7, 2018, in the amount of \$16,750 (for a total contract amount of \$26,700.00).

On December 7, 2018, the Purchasing Contracts Manager approved Amendment #1 to the Agreement for professional services in support of the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 environmental assessment project dated November 19, 2018, in the amount of \$17,705.00 (for a total contract amount of \$77,485.00) with NCE.

On November 19, 2018, the Purchasing Contracts Manager approved an Agreement for professional services in support of the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 environmental assessment project, in the amount of \$59,780.00 with NCE.

On August 28, 2018, the Board approved an agreement for consulting engineering services with Carollo Engineers Inc., to provide final engineering design and bidding services for the Pleasant Valley Reach 3 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor project commencing August 28, 2018 through January 31, 2020.

On June 8th, 2018, the Purchasing Contracts Manager approved an Agreement for professional services with Kautz Environmental Consultants for a Class 3 Archeological pedestrian inventory study in support for the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 environmental assessment project dated June 8, 2018, in the amount of \$9,950.

On May 22, 2018, the Board approved the Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2023.

On June 13, 2017, the Board approved an agreement for consulting engineering services with Carollo to provide to provide facility planning and engineering design services for sanitary sewer interceptors within the STMWRF service territory.

On August 20, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the South Truckee Meadows Water and Wastewater Facility Plan.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County owns and operates the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility which provides sewer treatment to approximately 15,000 homes and businesses within southern Washoe County, including portions of the City of Reno. In response to continued new development in the South Truckee Meadows, the utility developed a plan to extend the sanitary sewer collection system interceptor from the existing Damonte Parkway south to the vicinity of Town Drive. A reclaim water line extension is included in the Project to extend reclaim water service opportunities to the southern portions of Washoe County's service territory.

The project will receive a portion of funding from the State of Nevada Revolving Fund (SRF) and SRF funds are considered Federal funds and therefore must meet Federal requirements, one of the requirements is compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Prevention Act.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) outlines the duties and responsibilities of each member during the construction of the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 that relates to the possible unearthing of historic (greater than 50 years) artifacts during the construction.

As an invited signatory, the County can amend or terminate the agreement, but the County's signature is not required to execute the agreement because the County is not one of the government agencies that is assigned consultation requirements under the regulations of Section 106. The County is invited to sign the agreement as an Invited Signatory because the agreement imposes duties/responsibilities on the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact for Washoe County. All costs for planning, permitting, and design have been previously approved by either the Board or the Washoe County purchasing manager. All construction contracts for the construction of the Project will be brought to the Board for consideration and possible approval.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize, as an invited signatory, the Memorandum of Agreement among the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the US Environmental Protection Agency (Region 9), the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and Washoe County, (UT #2019-5827), for the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 Project located within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory, a project necessary to respond to sanitary sewer demands from new area development. Agreement obligates the County to provide a historic preservation and treatment plan, an ethnographic study and archeological monitoring during construction.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to authorize, as an invited signatory, the Memorandum of Agreement among the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the US Environmental Protection Agency (Region 9), the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and Washoe County, (UT #2019-5827), for the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 Project located within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory, a project necessary to respond to sanitary sewer demands from new area development. Agreement obligates the County to provide a historic preservation and treatment plan, an ethnographic study and archeological monitoring during construction."