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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025**

**DATE:** August 1, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 2 to an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and HDR Engineering, Inc., [in the amount of \$898,133.03 for a total contract amount of \$6,203,710.30] for the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation 2020 Facility Expansion Project within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory which receives and treats wastewater from both unincorporated Washoe County and areas of the City of Reno in the South Truckee Meadows. Amendment No. 2 addresses the increased costs related to unanticipated impacts resulting in project cost escalations, and increased project schedule duration. (Commission District 2.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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The Community Services Department is recommending approval of Amendment No. 2 to an existing professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., to provide additional construction management services required to complete the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation 2020 Facility Expansion Project (Project). The Project provides the necessary extra capacity within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility as new growth has occurred in the Truckee Meadows.

The original agreement was approved on May 26, 2020, which included the original scope of work with a supporting fee estimate of \$5,305,577.27. The original scope of work identified the various construction management elements necessary for the anticipated scope and schedule for the Project. The Purchasing and Contracts Manager approved Amendment No. 1, which extends the termination date from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2026. Additionally, the amendment addressed minor contract amendments and did not involve any cost changes.

Washoe County was not immune to the worldwide pandemic, and many project elements were impacted, including material availability, procurement and shipping delays, increased procurement costs, and alternative phasing and scheduling impacts. As a result, the project has incurred additional costs, including the need to increase compensation for the professional services required to support this critical project.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

This amendment covers the increased costs associated with providing Construction Management Services, Quality Assurance, Construction Inspection and Materials Testing Services, and Post-Construction Services throughout the project duration.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Fiscal Sustainability: Efficient delivery of regional services

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On May 20, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the Washoe County Final budget for Fiscal Year 2026, as well as adopting the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2026-2030.

On May 26, 2020, the Board approved an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services for Construction Management Services between Washoe County and HDR Engineering, Inc., in support of the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility 2020 Expansion Project [in the amount of \$5,305,577.27].

On February 12, 2019, the Board approved an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services for the Washoe County South Truckee Meadows Wastewater 2020 Expansion Project Owner's Representative Services between Washoe County and HDR Engineering [in the amount of \$375,244].

### **BACKGROUND**

Washoe County owns and operates the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility which provides sewer treatment to approximately 25,000 homes and businesses within southern Washoe County, including portions of the City of Reno. The facility was commissioned in 1990 and expanded in 2003. STMWRF is presently configured to treat up to 4.1 million gallons of sewage per day (MGD). Wastewater influent flows to STMWRF are presently 3.5 million gallons per day and increasing approximately 3-percent annually.

Since STMWRF is nearing its permitting capacity, the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection requires that Washoe County update facility planning to ensure the next phase of sewer capacity is thoughtfully planned and ready when needed. Major infrastructure improvements at STMWRF can take 3-5 years to plan and construct.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient funds and budget authority for the \$898,133.03 Professional Consulting Services Agreement Amendment No.2 exist in the Utilities Fund (566), STMWRF Expansion GMP4B (WR860113), Professional Services account (710100). Revenues in support of the expansion project are provided from sanitary sewer connection fees collected from new development.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve Amendment No. 2 to an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and HDR

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**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve Amendment No. 2 to an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and HDR Engineering, Inc., [in the amount of \$898,133.03 for a total contract amount of \$6,203,710.30] for the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation 2020 Facility Expansion Project within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory which receives and treats wastewater from both unincorporated Washoe County and areas of the City of Reno in the South Truckee Meadows. Amendment No. 2 addresses the increased costs related to unanticipated impacts resulting in project cost escalations, and increased project schedule duration."