



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: July 21, 2015

Subject: Approve a Contract with Larry Walker Associates for General Technical Support Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Engineer, Flood Control and Water Conservation District, or designee, to execute, on behalf of the Contra Costa Clean Water Program, a contract with Larry Walker Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$140,000, for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, for general technical support services necessary to comply with federal and state stormwater rules contained in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits issued by the San Francisco Bay and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Countywide. (100% Cities and County Stormwater Utility Fee Assessments) Project No. 7519-6x7616

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funded by stormwater utility fee assessments collected by the Cities/Towns and County, proportional to their respective populations.

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa Clean Water Program (the "CCCWP") consists of Contra Costa County, its nineteen (19) incorporated cities/towns and the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Permittees").

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/21/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: July 21, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Deanna Constable (925)
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cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The CCCWP was established in 1991 through a Program Agreement in response to the 1987 amendments to the federal Clean Water Act (the “CWA”), which established a framework for regulating municipal stormwater discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) Permit Program. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (the “USEPA”) published final rules implementing the 1987 CWA amendments in November 1990. The rules mandate that Permittees obtain and implement stormwater permits designed to reduce and eliminate the discharge of pollutants into and from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (the “MS4s”) they own and operate. Through the CCCWP, Permittees conduct many of the mandated activities collectively (referred to as "Group Activities"), such as water quality monitoring, special studies, and public education. The roles and responsibilities of the CCCWP and Permittees are outlined in the Program Agreement, which was last updated and adopted by all Permittees in June 2010.

The CCCWP’s stormwater monitoring programs are designed to identify and evaluate sources, pathways, loadings and impacts of pollutants, such as mercury and PCBs, that reach local creeks and streams, and eventually into the San Francisco Bay/Delta; and, to investigate the effectiveness of stormwater treatment control technologies. Technical support services provided by Larry Walker Associates, Inc. (“Larry Walker”) are necessary to assist the CCCWP with compliance of these mandates.

In order to help continue to maintain permit compliance, CCCWP staff, on behalf of the Permittees, respectfully requests approval of this contract with Larry Walker for a one year period (i.e., July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016).

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the contract with Larry Walker Associates is not approved, the CCCWP would not be able to fulfill the permit mandates, and municipalities could be found in non-compliance with the NPDES permits issued by the Water Boards. Fines totaling \$10,000 per day and \$10 per gallon of stormwater discharge could potentially be imposed.