



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: May 24, 2022

Subject: APPROVE a Contract with Larry Walker Associates Incorporate for MRP Compliance Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Engineer, Contra Costa County 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, Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000 to provide technical assistance in order to maintain compliance with the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP), Countywide, for the period June 7, 2022 through June 30, 2025. This contract is necessary to comply with federal and state stormwater rules.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost is estimated to be \$2,400,000 and shall be 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

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/24/2022** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
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: May 24, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Karin Graves,
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cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

of Contra Costa County, its 19 incorporated cities/towns and the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Permittees”). 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 Contra Costa Clean Water Program Agreement, which was last updated and adopted by all Permittees in June 2010. The current San Francisco Bay Region Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit No. CAS612008, Order R2-2015-0049 (“Permit”), was issued in November of 2015.

The CCCWP’s stormwater program implements activities that cover a variety of areas including water quality management, new development, green stormwater infrastructure and low impact development planning. The technical expertise required in this Contract is designed to identify impacts of pollution and take measures to prevent pollutants from reaching local creeks and streams, and eventually the San Francisco Bay and the Delta. All of these activities meet the requirements of the NPDES Permits.

CCCWP staff, on behalf of the Permittees, respectfully requests approval of this Contract with Larry Walker Associates, Incorporated, for the period of June 7, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the approval of the Board of Supervisors, the CCCWP, 19 Cities and Towns, Contra Costa County, and the Flood Control District will be unable to meet the NPDES Permit requirements set forth by the San Francisco Bay Region Municipal Regional Stormwater. NPDES Permit No. CAS612008, Order R2-2015-0049.