



Technical Support				<u>4,987,337</u>	<u>322,336</u>	
Total Expenses:	<u>\$13,385</u>	<u>\$10,444,616</u>	<u>\$6,081,351</u>	<u>\$56,719,773</u>	<u>\$12,611,869</u>	<u>\$5,824</u>

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
 JOINT OUTFALL F UNIT 7A TRUNK  
 SEWER REHABILITATION  
 SAK CONSTRUCTION, LLC  
 CONTRACT NO. 5568  
 ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK

SAK Construction, LLC, has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 5568 for construction of the *Joint Outfall F Unit 7A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation* (Project) within the time allowed by the contract, and in accordance with its terms. The Project consisted of the rehabilitation of approximately 4,806 feet of 27-inch to 60-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and

appurtenant structures. The work was located within the cities of Norwalk and Cerritos. There were no change orders for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

The work in connection with Contract No. 5568, entered into by SAK Construction, LLC, on October 22, 2023, for construction of the *Joint Outfall F Unit 7A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation*, was approved and accepted by this Board of Directors; the Chief Engineer and General Manager was directed to execute and record a Notice of Completion with respect to this work of improvement; and final payment of \$5,179,558 was authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

### REGULAR AGENDA

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING  
 TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND TRAINING  
 SERVICES FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
 SYSTEM SOFTWARE - AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE  
 OF PURCHASE ORDER TO ENVIRONMENTAL  
 SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.

The Districts uses Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., (ESRI) Geographic Information System (GIS) computer software to store and analyze data and create maps, which help to improve the efficiency of Districts' operations. ESRI's Advantage Program is an annual subscription that provides technical advisory, support, and training services to assist staff with utilizing

GIS software effectively and planning for future needs. ESRI is the sole licensor of the Districts' GIS software and therefore is uniquely qualified to provide these support and training services. ESRI submitted a cost-effective proposal with rates comparable to other support and training services. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to ESRI in the amount of approximately \$109,000 for technical support and training services for GIS software for a one-year period.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., for technical support and training services for Geographic Information System software for a one-year period, at a cost of approximately \$109,000.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - SERVICES TO  
 IMPLEMENT SAN GABRIEL RIVER REGIONAL  
 MONITORING PROGRAM - AUTHORIZE  
 ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO  
 AQUATIC BIOASSAY AND CONSULTING  
 LABORATORIES, INC.

The Monitoring and Reporting Programs pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the Long Beach, Los Coyotes, Pomona, San Jose Creek, and Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plants require the Districts to participate in the implementation of the San Gabriel River Regional Monitoring Program (SGRRMP), a watershed-wide

monitoring program for the San Gabriel River. Recently, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for services to implement the SGRRMP was released to seven consulting firms, and Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting Laboratories, Inc., (ABC) provided the only response. Based on their response to the RFP, staff has determined that ABC is qualified to provide the required services for a five-year period at a reasonable cost of approximately \$460,000 per year with 3 percent annual escalation. In addition, ABC has satisfactorily provided services to the Districts for SGRRMP implementation since 2014. Districts' funding for the SGRRMP is made available through savings resulting from NPDES permit revisions that decrease the Districts' receiving water monitoring requirements and costs. Staff has determined that the activities described herein are exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Sections 15301, 15306, 15307 and 15308. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to ABC in the amount of approximately \$2,430,000 for services to implement the SGRRMP for a five-year period.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting Laboratories, Inc., for services to implement the San Gabriel River Regional Monitoring Program for a five-year period, at a cost of approximately \$2,430,000.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ADVOCACY SERVICES - AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO EDELSTEIN GILBERT ROBSON & SMITH, LLC

Each year Districts' staff reviews, tracks, and comments on approximately 200 state legislative proposals and state agency regulatory actions that may impact Districts' operations. To provide assistance with these tasks and enhance the Districts' efforts to advocate for practical legislative and regulatory initiatives, a Request

for Proposals was issued in 2021 to solicit a consultant for state legislative and regulatory advocacy services. Proposals were received from eight firms, and Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC, (EGRS) was ranked the most qualified to provide the desired services and provided competitive rates. On October 27, 2021, the Board authorized the issuance of a purchase order to EGRS for three years, with two optional 1-year extensions, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$106,000 per year. This proposed extension is the first optional one-year extension of the purchase order. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to provide transparent communication to our Boards and the public; and to plan for both short-term and long-term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a one-year extension of a purchase order with EGRS in the amount of approximately \$106,000 for state legislative and regulatory advocacy services.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC, for state legislative and regulatory advocacy services, at a cost of approximately \$106,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT REMEDIATION SYSTEM EXPANSION AMERICAN INTEGRATED SERVICES, INC. CONTRACT NO. 5608 - APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 - EXTRA WORK

As part of the *Joint Water Pollution Control Plant Remediation System Expansion* (Project), the contractor was required to install horizontal wells to remediate petroleum hydrocarbon contamination from the groundwater that extends beyond the Districts' property limits. During construction, it was determined that due to physical site constraints, the horizontal wells could

not be constructed as specified in the contract documents. The contractor was therefore directed to install vertical wells offsite and install approximately 3,120 feet of 2-inch-diameter polyvinyl chloride and high-density polyethylene conveyance piping to direct the supply air from the onsite equipment to the vertical wells. This change order will cover the cost associated with installing the additional conveyance piping. Since the cost of vertical well installation is significantly less than the cost of horizontal well installation, the overall impact of this change will result in net savings. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). The claim has been reviewed and the work determined to be beyond the scope of the plans and specifications. A recommendation was made to approve Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 5608 with American Integrated Services, Inc., for construction of the Project; resulting in a payment of \$591,616.38 for extra work.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 5608 with American Integrated Services, Inc., for the construction of *Joint Water Pollution Control Plant Remediation System Expansion*, resulting in a payment of \$591,616.38, was approved.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - ONE-HALF OF CAPITAL COSTS OF INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL COMPOSTING FACILITY BUDGETED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT

The Board previously approved the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) forming the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority (IERCA), the purpose of which was to design, construct, and operate a biosolids composting facility along with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA). Since 2007, the composting facility has been

operating with a capacity of 150,000 tons of biosolids per year, approximately 75,000 tons each for IEUA and the Districts. On May 6, 2024, the IERCA Board of Directors approved a budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025, which identified \$2,925,000 in additional capital funds that cannot be accrued through normal operating revenue sources. The specific capital projects in the FY 2024-2025 budget include replacing the biofilter media used for air emission control, repairing the hopper used for receiving biosolids, and purchasing other ancillary equipment. The additional capital funds would be used to replenish the capital reserve fund to meet the minimum fund balance threshold that is established in the IERCA Capital Reserve Policy after payment for these capital projects. Under the terms of the JPA, the Districts is responsible for one-half of the capital costs, or \$1,462,500. Staff has determined that the activities described herein are exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations

("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301 and 15302. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize payment to IERCA in the amount of \$1,462,500 for one-half of capital costs of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility budgeted for FY 2024-2025.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, payment of \$1,462,500 to the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority was authorized for one-half of capital costs of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility budgeted for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
SURCHARGE PROCESSING - DELORI  
PRODUCTS, INC. - AUTHORITY TO  
SETTLE SURCHARGE OBLIGATION  
AND SECURE COLLECTION

The company has failed to pay surcharge balances for fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024, and the Districts' attempts to collect have been unsuccessful. The company has requested meetings that they failed to attend. This authorization includes any amounts otherwise due and any additional amounts that become

due prior to institution of litigation or settlement. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to authorize a settlement of industrial wastewater surcharge obligations of Delori Products, Inc., in the principal sum of \$72,835.40, plus penalty and interest, and authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel to take all appropriate steps to secure collection of all past due amounts, including authority to institute litigation, stipulate to judgment, and execute a settlement agreement that provides for payment of indebtedness on a periodic basis.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, settlement of the industrial wastewater surcharge obligation due from Delori Products, Inc., in the principal sum of \$72,835.40, plus penalty and interest, was authorized; and the Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel were authorized to take all the appropriate steps to secure collection of all past due amounts now due together with any amounts that may later become due, including the authority to institute litigation, stipulate to judgment, and execute a settlement agreement that provides for a payment of the indebtedness on a periodic basis.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
SURCHARGE PROCESSING  
CACIQUE, INC. - AUTHORITY TO  
SETTLE SURCHARGE OBLIGATION  
AND SECURE COLLECTION

The company has requested a payment plan for their outstanding balance of fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, but has not made any payments toward the remaining balance. The company has moved their operations to Texas. This authorization includes any amounts otherwise due and any additional amounts that

become due prior to institution of litigation or settlement. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to authorize a settlement of industrial wastewater surcharge obligations of Cacique, Inc., in the principal sum of \$858,754.19, plus penalty and interest, and authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel to take all appropriate steps to secure collection of all past due amounts including authority to institute litigation, stipulate to judgment, and execute a settlement agreement that provides for a payment of indebtedness on a period basis.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, settlement of the industrial wastewater surcharge obligations due from Cacique, Inc., in the principal sum of \$858,754.19, plus penalty and interest, was authorized; and the Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel were authorized to take all the appropriate steps to secure collection of all past due amounts now due together with any amounts that may later become due, including the authority to institute litigation, stipulate to judgment, and execute a settlement agreement that provides for a payment of the indebtedness on a periodic basis.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

CATHY WARNER  
Chairperson

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN  
Secretary  
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