

City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Dan Takasugi, Public Works Director/City Engineer
DATE: July 19, 2011
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with Larry Walker Associates for Ongoing Permit Assistance Services Related to the City's Current Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit and the State's General Water Reuse Permit in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$15,795

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:



Richard D. Spittler, City Manager

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ISSUE:

Consideration of a Resolution approving Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with Larry Walker Associates for ongoing permit assistance services related to the City's current Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES permit and the State's General Water Reuse Permit in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,795.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The City of Calistoga Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was issued a revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES Permit) in November, 2010, by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Under this permit, the City may discharge treated effluent to the Napa River during the wet season (October 1st through May 15th) as long as specific dilution requirements in the river are met. During the remainder of the year, river discharge is prohibited and all effluent produced at the WWTP must be stored or recycled.

Date: July 21, 2011 CC Meeting

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The monitoring and reporting requirements associated with the City's WWTP NPDES permit have become more onerous and complex, and the RWQCB has imposed mandatory fines for certain permit violations. LWA is very familiar with our current permit and, since January of 2001, has been providing ongoing assistance related to the City's permit monitoring and reporting requirements.

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The City of Calistoga updated its Recycled Water Use Program to be consistent with conditions specified in the State's General Water Reuse Permit, also with assistance from LWA. In May of 2005, the RWQCB and the State Department of Health Services granted the City formal approval to operate its recycled water program under the State's General Water Reuse Permit. The General Water Reuse Permit delegates regulatory authority to the City, and requires the City to monitor and report all activities utilizing recycled water within its jurisdiction.

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Staff requested and received from LWA a proposal to provide additional ongoing permit assistance for both the WWTP NPDES Permit and the General Water Reuse Permit. Staff has reviewed the proposal, determined that the services are necessary and reasonable, and recommends that Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Larry Walker and Associates be approved. A copy of the proposal is attached to the proposed agreement. The total cost of these additional services is \$15,795 and cover the period of July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012. The total amount of the original contract, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2 (plus an addition correction in the amount of \$90) and Amendment No. 3 is \$126,058.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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The adopted Fiscal Year 11/12 Wastewater Enterprise Budget includes funding for these ongoing permit services.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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1. Resolution

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2. Professional Services Agreement

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