DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Don Pedro WWTP

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an agreement with Jones Hall, a professional law corporation, to provide legal services related to the formation of an assessment district and the issuance of bonds to finance the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant for Don Pedro, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement.

One of the projects Public Works is currently working on is a new wastewater treatment plant for Don Pedro. The USDA has obligated 4.5 million dollars in funds toward the project subject to meeting their letter of conditions. The Board approved an agreement with Wilson & Associates for assessment engineering services for the project. We now need legal services to ensure compliance with Proposition 218 requirements pertaining to the formation of assessment districts and the issuance of bonds for public improvements. We are requesting Board approval of the agreement with Jones Hall to provide these services. The cost of the legal services is recoverable through the USDA funds if the Proposition 218 assessment vote is positive.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board previously approved agreements with Jones Hall to provide similar legal services for the Compost Project as well as the Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the agreement and direct staff to obtain services from another law firm, which would delay moving forward on the project until a suitable law firm could be found.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $55,000  Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $4,705,845
Additional Funding Needed: $0
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue  _____ 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds  _____ 4/5's vote
Contingency  _____ 4/5's vote
( ) General  ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
1. Proposed Agreement

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 35-319  Ord. No.  ______
Vote – Ayes:  ______  Noes:  ______
Absent:  ______

Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By:  ______

Revised Dec. 2002

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
( ) Requested Action Recommended
( ) No Opinion
Comments:

CAO:  ______

By:  ______

Deputy