RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-602

MEETING: November 25, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Wilson, Interim Public Works Director

RE: Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Advanced Reliability Technologies

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Advanced Reliability Technologies (ART) LLC for Consulting Services for the Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Plant in the not-to-exceed amount of $18,000, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

Public Works staff have been working diligently to respond to a Notice of Violation (NOV) from the Regional Water Quality Control Board at the Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Plant (YWWTP). The NOV requires the County to submit various reports, make improvements to the YWWTP and to monitor the performance of the Sewer Plant to ensure that the proper treatment of the sewage is actually occurring.

In December 2013, the Board approved an Agreement with ART in the not-to-exceed amount of $25,000. That Agreement expired on June 30, 2014, and there was a balance in the amount of $18,000 of unused funds on that Agreement. Public Works thought it would be best to enter into a new Agreement rather than request an extension on the previous Agreement.

ART has been making significant progress on the project, but it includes gathering substantial information, including consultation with the system designers and contractors. Progress may be slowed during the winter months.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On December 17, 2013, Resolution #2013-570, was approved authorizing an agreement in the not-to-exceed amount of $25,000 for consulting services for the Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Plant (YWWTP).

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Board could choose not to approve the Agreement. The result of this action would be to inhibit the ability to comply with Regional Water Quality Control Board mandated improvements unless another consultant is identified.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Funding is available in the Yosemite West Maintenance District Sewer budget 322-091-863-0418 (Professional Services)

ATTACHMENTS:
ART Professional Services Agreement 15-024 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson  
Mary Hodson, Interim CAO  11/19/2014

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:  John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES:  Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier
TO: DOUG WILSON, Interim Public Works Director
FROM: RENE’ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Advanced Reliability Technologies LLC for Consulting Services for the Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of $18,000, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement
Resolution: 14-602

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on November 25, 2014

ACTION AND VOTE:

CA22. Public Works RES-2014-602
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Regarding CA22, Supervisor Carrier inquired if they have looked at the water biology, and have come up with a timeline on what it is going to take to get the settling ponds redesigned. Mr. Wilson responded, noting that they have accomplished a lot including the water biology. He also noted that they have gathered a lot of detail about how the system is working versus the design, and that there are filters in place. Mr. Wilson also remarked that, at this point, they believe that it needs to have an entirely new pond, but that it can probably hit capacity with the system as it is if everything is functioning properly. He also cautioned that the issue may evolve as they get more and more of the original designers and builders back in the loop and get more information; stated that this will be an ongoing process for quite some time; noted that they will be slowed down through the winter months and are not expecting to accomplish much between now and spring; and remarked that they are probably looking at next fall before everything is working as it should be. Supervisor Carrier noted that one of the terms of the contract states that a formal service quotation will be provided upon the request of the Public Works Director, and he requested that Mr. Wilson make such a request. Mr. Wilson affirmed.