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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-285

MEETING: June 16, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: Approve Updated Professional Services Agreement with URS to Review the County's LHMP

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an updated agreement with URS Corporation Americas (URS) to Review and Revise the Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$65,000; authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the new Agreement.

The original agreement expired on December 31, 2014, but the work on reviewing and revising the LHMP was not yet completed. The LHMP has now been reviewed by county staff and it is in its final phase of completion with only Board approval pending. Because of the length of time between the expiration of the original agreement and the anticipated completion date of the product, staff was advised that a new agreement was needed rather than amending the original agreement. The recommended action will enable the contractor (URS) to be under contract and compensated for their work during the completion process of this project.

On November 1, 2012 Mariposa County Fire/OES sent a Request for Proposals (RFP) to all three qualified LHMP consulting firms in California. One firm, URS, submitted a qualifying proposal on or before the submission deadline. Subsequent contact with the two who did not submit proposals revealed that Olson & Associates had committed to other LHMP projects and did not have sufficient staffing to complete this project in the required time frame and Howell Consulting could not complete the project within the defined budget limitation. While more than one qualifying bid would have been preferable, it has been determined by County Counsel that the Request for Proposals (RFP) process was conducted properly. Following County Fire/OES review and combined with a follow-up telephone interview it was determined that URS has the staff, qualifications and expertise to complete the project in a timely manner and within the scope of work.

On January 22, 2013, the Board completed the adoption process for the County's initial LHMP and the formal resolution and findings have been forwarded to and accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX. Mariposa County's LHMP represents the state of the County as of June 2013. However, a LHMP is a dynamic document and the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) mandates a LHMP be reviewed and updated every five years. The planning portion of the DRI grant offers funding to immediately review and update the initial plan. Doing so at this early time will immediately fill in the Plan's portion of time between June 2011 and October 2013 and restart the five-year Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 clock.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On February 19th 2013, per Resolution 2013-055 the Board approved the original contract with URS.

This contract expired on December 31, 2014.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve an updated agreement with URS. Staff will be unable to process payments for the work URS has completed on the LMPH after the expiration date of the original agreement, and the County will be unable to fully utilize the grant money for its intended purpose.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:


This project is included in and funded by the DRI-CDBG funding- Fund 515. The contract amount (\$65,000) will be funded out of the Planning Project portion of the grant. The grant provides for a total of \$175,000 to be used for planning purposes.

ATTACHMENTS:

Updated Professional Services Agreement (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended



Mary Hoelson, CAO 6/11/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier