RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-288

MEETING: June 16, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tony Stobbe, Public Works Director

RE: Approve Agreement with Advanced Reliability Technologies

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Professional Services Agreement with Advanced Reliability Technologies (ART) LLC for a Not to Exceed Amount of $144,495; Request a Loan from the General Fund, in the Amount of $91,335, in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to Fund Yosemite West Maintenance and Coulterville Maintenance Portions of This Agreement, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The agreement will provide professional engineering services to the seven (7) Special Districts administered by the County. The contract expense will be budgeted as follows based on the number of customers served by each district:

- Coulterville Water and Sewer Districts $33,180
- Yosemite West Water, Sewer and Roads Districts $58,155
- Don Pedro Sewer District $44,954
- Mariposa Pines Sewer District $8,206

The General Fund loan request for fiscal year 2015-2016 will be for the Yosemite West Maintenance District (fund #322) portion and the Coulterville Maintenance (fund #314) portion, totaling $91,335. The loans will be at no interest and will be repaid from the maintenance district receipts as funds are available over the course of the next 5 to 7 years. The loan amounts have been included in the Requested Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

The Scope of Work will be to update the Operations and Maintenance Plans, create a five year Capital Improvement Program and determine a proposed Rate Structure for each district.

Costs associated with preventive maintenance and corrective maintenance programs, training needs, changing compliance needs, changing chemical and energy costs and staffing requirements set by regulatory agencies have severely impacted recent
budgets. Current rate structures for these districts have not adequately provided the necessary revenue to maintain and operate these plants. With regulations becoming more restrictive from State agencies, the future costs will only increase over time.

The Department believes that this report will provide the necessary information to objectively evaluate the conditions and costs associated with each district. The report will provide the justification in setting the proposed rates for each district to satisfy State regulations, repay the General Fund loans and to properly operate and maintain each district.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
In July, 2014 a Request For Proposal (RFP) was circulated for the preparation of a rate study and Engineer’s Report.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Board could choose not to approve the Agreement. The result of this action would be the County not having enough revenue to comply with Regional Water Quality Control Board mandates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The requested amounts for this Agreement have been included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget requests. The total General Fund loan request is $91,335.

ATTACHMENTS:
ART Professional Services Agreement (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, CAO 6/10/2015

RESULT:  ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier