RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-380

MEETING: July 7, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Authorize an Agreement with Bartle & Wells for Rate Studies in Yosemite West

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Bartle Wells Associates in a Amount Not to Exceed $25,000 to perform Rate Study Analysis for Yosemite West Water, Wastewater and Roads; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

Bartle Wells Associates was the firm that performed the previous rate study analysis as a sub-consultant to Pinnacle ART who developed the Engineers Report for all three of these elements in Yosemite West and as such they are uniquely familiar with the capital improvement needs of the Water and Wastewater Utilities and the Roads element.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On June 24, 2020 the Board rescinded the Board Resolutions that established the 2018 rate increases for the Yosemite West Water and Wastewater as part of a stipulated judgment causing the need to enter a new Proposition 218 process which will require a rate study analysis.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Should the Board choose not to approve this agreement utility rates will remain at the pre- 2018 Proposition 218 process and the utilities will eventually be faced with not raising sufficient revenues to provide service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
No General Fund monies will be utilized for this contract but rather these costs will be funded by the Yosemite West Utility Accounts.

ATTACHMENTS:
Bartle Wells Associates Draft Agreement (PDF)
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RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED: Merlin Jones, Kevin Cann