



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Services Agreement with the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency for Maintenance and Repair Activities of the Pajaro River Federal Flood Control Project (“Project”) to extend the term to June 30, 2025; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Services Agreement with the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency for Maintenance and Repair Activities of the Pajaro River Federal Flood Control Project (“Project”) to extend the term to June 30, 2025; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency (“PRFMA”) was formed under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Government Code section 6500 *et seq.*, pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“JPA Agreement”) dated July 21, 2021 in order to coordinate, finance, acquire, construct, improve, operate or maintain flood management infrastructure on the Pajaro River in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

The Member Agencies of the PRFMA are County of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (“Zone 7”), County of Monterey (“County”), City of Watsonville, and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA” or “Agency”). An Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation Assignment Agreement (“OMRR&R”) to transfer the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the Project was approved by the MCWRA Board of Supervisors in April 2023. PRFMA approved the OMRR&R at their November 9, 2022 meeting. Both the Cost Sharing Agreement and the OMRR&R, became effective on July 1 2023. The PRFMA is now the lead local agency working with the United States Army Corps of Engineers in continuing the Project and is now the non-federal sponsor. Previously, both Zone 7 and MCWRA were the non-federal sponsors who performed maintenance for the Project.

MCWRA and PRFMA staff continue to coordinate the transition of activities. MCWRA has continued to provide support authorized in the Services Agreement, effective through December 1, 2024, that includes responding to requests for general maintenance activities as well as emergency response activities, reimbursed on a time and materials basis. PRFMA continues to develop

additional services agreements with other entities to fulfill their obligations. In order for PRFMA to ensure adequate services, they have requested a time extension to the existing agreement to cover the remainder of the fiscal year, June 30, 2025. The Amendment no. 2 includes an increase to MCWRA staff wages as well as the equipment rate increase expected on April 1, 2025

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

PRFMA, County Counsel's Office

FINANCING:

The MOU includes the reimbursement of MCWRA staff time., services and supplies for any approved activities in Fund 112, Pajaro Levee.

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Attachments:

1. Services Agreement
2. Amendment No. 1
3. Amendment No. 2
4. Board Order