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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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September 1, 1993

To: Board of Directors (Engineering and Operations Committee--Action)
(Organization and Personnel Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with EDAW, Inc. for the Design Services for Roadside Landscape Screening for Highway 79, Relocated Newport Road and State Street for the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project.

Report

The Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project has selected a landscape architecture firm to design Roadside Landscape Screening corridors along highways adjacent to the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir. These corridors are adjacent to the rights-of-way of Highway 79, relocated Newport Road, and State Street.

The Roadside Landscape Screening will mitigate visual impact of the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir dams and construction area from perimeter public roads and is a commitment of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). Substantial screening benefits will be achieved within two to three years of installation and, except for key intersection plantings, it is anticipated that by using drought tolerant plant materials in the main screening areas, irrigation will be required only temporarily for the first three years.

These corridors offer an opportunity to screen views of the west dam, east dam, and saddle dam with plant materials, to create a recognizable and consistent visual "face" to the project boundary.

An RFP was issued on April 22, 1993, which resulted in a total of 17 proposals being received and evaluated by Metropolitan's Review Committee. Five firms were selected for the Shortlist with each respondent augmenting their written proposal with an oral presentation. The Review Committee selected EDAW, Inc., based on its top ranking in the evaluation procedure and the superior quality of its presentation and proposal.

EDAW, Inc., is an equal opportunity employer and a copy of its current Affirmative Action Plan is on file with Metropolitan.

All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements have been satisfied for the proposed action. In October 1991, your Board certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project (Eastside Reservoir Project). This action satisfied the provisions of CEQA in regard to this matter and no further environmental documentation or reviews are necessary for your Board to take action on the request.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred for action to:

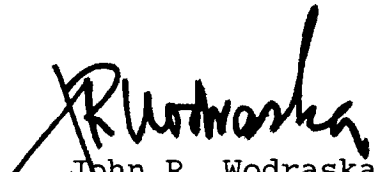
The Engineering and Operations Committee because of its selection of consultants and the determination of the scope of work of their assignments, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2431 (h);

The Organization and Personnel Committee because of its jurisdiction over the terms and conditions of employment of all consultants, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2471 (g).

Recommendation

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES.

It is recommended that the General Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with EDAW, Inc., for the maximum amount not to exceed \$385,500 for design services for the Roadside Landscape Screening for the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project.


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General Manager