



Authorize an Agreement for Preparation of SMARA Reclamation Plans and Environmental Documentation

Board Meeting

Item 7-1

May 12, 2020

Current Action

- Authorize an agreement with Sespe Consulting, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$510,000 for preparation of Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) reclamation plans and environmental documentation

Background

- Metropolitan uses earth, stone, sand, gravel, and other materials for critical operations and maintenance activities along the Colorado River Aqueduct
- In 2017, County of San Bernardino notifies Metropolitan of earth moving activities subject to SMARA
- Shortly after, County of Riverside followed suit
- Metropolitan agreed to comply with SMARA



Surface Mining & Reclamation Act (SMARA)

- SMARA enacted in 1975
 - Minimize adverse environmental effects of surface mining operations
 - Reclaim mined lands to useable condition
 - Minimize residual hazards to the public

SMARA Requirements

- Reclamation plans
- Environmental compliance
- Regulatory permitting
- Annual inspections
- Financial assurances

Location Map



Scope of Work

- Prepare master reclamation plan for activities in each County
- Prepare environmental documentation
- Ensure regulatory compliance
- First year annual inspection and reporting



Request for Proposal (RFP) 1209

- Issued December 19, 2019
- Evaluation criteria
 - Firm qualifications
 - Past performance
 - Technical approach and methodology
 - Key personnel and staffing
- Three proposals received
- Highest score - Sespe Consulting, Inc.

RFP 1209 Results

Proposals Received	February 5, 2020
No. of Respondents	3
Successful Respondent	Sespe Consulting, Inc.
SBE Participation*	100%

*SBE (Small Business Enterprise) participation level set at 25%

Allocation of Funds

Metropolitan Labor	\$231,000
Environmental review and project coordination	\$155,000
Survey	\$76,000
Sespe Consulting, Inc.	\$510,000
Total Cost	\$741,000

Board Options

- Option #1
 - Authorize an agreement with Sespe Consulting, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$510,000 for preparation of Surface Mining and Reclamation Act reclamation plans and environmental documentation
- Option #2
 - Do not authorize the agreement at this time

Staff Recommendations

- Option #1

