

RESOLUTION NO. 963

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR NPDES PERMIT SERVICES TO MERRITT SMITH CONSULTING

WHEREAS, the City has an need to prepare a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) in preparation for the NPDES Permit Renewal due to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on March 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City has the need to obtain professional management services for the preparation of a Salt and Nutrient Plan to be prepared and submitted to the RWQCB in conjunction with the ROWD; and

WHEREAS, Merritt Smith Consulting has created the ROWD's for the City's wastewater NPDES Permit renewals since 1986, has in depth knowledge of the City's wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system, has at their disposal records and data bases pertinent to creating the ROWD, which avoids the recreation of this material for a different firm, has in-depth knowledge of regional and statewide regulatory issues affecting the City, has represented the City on permit compliance and other regulatory issues since 1986, and has recently managed the Incremental Water Recycling Program (IRWP) Environmental Impact Report project and its wide variety of consultants to a successful conclusion; and

WHEREAS, City staff has thoroughly analyzed the proposal submitted by Merritt Smith Consulting, and has determined the offered price for preparing the Report of Waste Discharge and providing management services for the preparation of the Salt and Nutrient Plan is fair and reasonable, and recommends it would be in the City's best interests to accept; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities has considered the report of City staff and has concluded that the proposal submitted by Merritt Smith Consulting is fair and reasonable, and determines it would be in the City's best interests to accept.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities waives competitive bidding and authorizes the award of a Professional Services Agreement for NPDES Permit Services to Merritt Smith Consulting, Santa Rosa, California, in the amount of \$258,440.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities authorizes the Director of Administrative Services to pay all claims for this purchase out of account number 4150 - NPDES Permit Renewal and account number 4015 - Salt and Nutrient Plan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2009.

AYES: (5) SWINTH, GALE, GALVIN, HOLT AND MEECHAN

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) DOWD, LOWE

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED: _____
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Gina Perez, Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney