



STAFF REPORT
9/24/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Woodward & Curran for State Revolving Fund (SRF) Funding Support, Grant Research and Writing for a not to Exceed Amount of \$75,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Woodward & Curran for State Revolving Fund (SRF) Funding Support, Grant Research and Writing for a not to Exceed Amount of \$75,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Woodward & Curran has an extensive resume of successfully preparing grant and loan applications for agencies throughout California, including specific experience completing successful grant applications for the City of Coachella and other agencies in the Coachella Valley. Woodward & Curran has been involved in the Coachella Valley region for over a decade and has been working with the City of Coachella to secure millions of dollars in funding from various funding programs including the USDA Rural Development Program and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF, USBR's WaterSmart program, and DWR's IRWM program.

Specific to the State's Drinking Water and Clean Water SRF programs Woodward & Curran has successfully helped the City of Coachella secure the following grants:

- \$1.6 million grant through the DWSRF program to design and construct the Mesquite Water Consolidation Project
- \$1.8 million through the DWSRF program to design and construct the Shady Lane Mobile Home Park (MHP) Water Consolidation Project
- \$1.6 million through the CWSRF program to design and construction the Shady Lane MHP Septic-to-Sewer Project

Most recently, Woodward & Curran assisted the City of Coachella in submitting the General Package portion of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund funding application for our Reduction Coagulation Filtration Treatment Project to address the Chromium-6 Maximum Contaminant Level.

In 2016 the City of Coachella entered into contract with Woodward & Curran for grant funding support as it worked to secure funding from the State Water Resources Control Board to address the Chromium-6 issue during that time. However, due to the redaction of the MCL during the later years the City did not enter into a financial agreement with the state. This previous work involved the preparation and submittal of the various packages required by the Drinking Water SRF application which include a General Package, Technical, Financial and Environmental Package.

As requested by the City, Woodward & Curran proposes to provide as-needed support to help the City prepare and submit the various packages needed for the Chromium-6 funding application as well as support to close out the Mesquite Water Consolidation Project, the Shady Lane Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project, and the Shady Lane Mobile Home Park Septic to Sewer Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding support was included in the FY 2025 Water Authority and Sanitary District Funds therefore no adverse impact to the existing budget is anticipated.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Woodward & Curran Proposal