



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: Panorama Environmental On-Call Environmental Compliance and Permitting Services Contract Amendment

From: Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering

Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: July 21, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to Miscellaneous Agreement 6446 (MA 6446) with Panorama Environmental to increase the funding for an existing on call environmental professional services agreement by \$400,000 to address cultural resources compliance and resource protection services, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$650,000, and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment

SUMMARY: Staff are requesting that the Board of Directors approve and authorize Amendment No. 1 to MA 6446 with Panorama Environmental (Panorama) to increase the contract amount by \$400,000. The proposed amendment will provide additional capacity to support environmental compliance, permitting, cultural resources compliance, archaeological and Tribal monitoring, tribal coordination, and resource protection services associated with the District's watershed, infrastructure, water resources, and emergency response projects.

The original agreement was approved by the Board on June 17, 2025, to provide on-call environmental compliance and regulatory permitting services. Since execution of MA 6446, the District has experienced a greater-than-anticipated demand for cultural resources compliance, tribal coordination, archaeological and Tribal monitoring, and resource protection services associated with ongoing District projects. The proposed amendment will allow the District to continue utilizing Panorama's expertise to support project planning and implementation while ensuring compliance with environmental and cultural resource protection requirements. This item was recently reviewed at the June 30, 2026 District Planning Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION: On June 17, 2025, the Board approved MA 6446 with Panorama Environmental for on-call environmental compliance and regulatory permit services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The agreement provides support for CEQA and NEPA compliance, environmental permitting, biological and cultural resource surveys, environmental monitoring, hydrologic analysis, and other technical environmental services necessary to implement District projects.

The District utilizes these services to support capital improvement projects, watershed management, infrastructure improvements, water supply reliability projects, vegetation management activities, and emergency response efforts. Since execution of MA 6446, the level of effort required to support cultural resources compliance during project planning and construction has exceeded initial estimates due to expanded monitoring requirements, increased Tribal coordination, and implementation of additional resource protection measures across multiple District projects.

These services include cultural resources assessments and surveys, tribal consultation and coordination support, archaeological and Tribal monitoring, development and implementation of resource protection measures, construction support, and regulatory compliance documentation. As the District continues implementation of capital improvement projects, watershed management initiatives, wildfire resilience efforts, and emergency response projects, cultural resources compliance requirements have expanded. The District has increasingly relied on specialized cultural resources professionals to support project planning and implementation, facilitate archaeological and Tribal monitoring, and ensure that cultural resources are appropriately identified, protected, and managed throughout project development and construction.

Panorama Environmental has extensive experience supporting District projects and has demonstrated expertise in environmental compliance, cultural resources management, regulatory permitting, and tribal coordination. The proposed amendment will provide sufficient funding authority to continue utilizing the existing agreement, maintain continuity of services for ongoing and anticipated District projects, and ensure the District has the resources necessary to meet environmental and cultural resource compliance obligations.

On June 30, 2026, the Planning Committee reviewed Amendment No. 1 to MA 6446. Staff recommends that the Board approve Amendment No. 1 to MA 6446 with Panorama Environmental to add \$400,000 for on-call environmental compliance, cultural resources compliance, and resource protection services, increasing the current contract amount from \$250,000 to a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$650,000, and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed amendment would increase the contract amount by \$400,000, from \$250,000 to \$650,000. Funding for services performed under this agreement will be provided through individual capital projects and operating budgets on an as-needed basis.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

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