





STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Planning Committee/Board of Directors
Title: Panorama Environmental On-Call Environmental Compliance and Permitting Services Contract Amendment No. 1
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Meeting Date: June 30, 2026



TYPE OF ITEM: Approve X Review and Comment

RECOMMENDATION: Review and comment on the proposed Amendment No. 1 to Miscellaneous Agreement 6446 (MA-6446) with Panorama Environmental to increase the funding for the existing on-call environmental professional services agreement by \$400,000 to address cultural resources compliance, tribal coordination, monitoring, and resource protection services, for a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$650,000

SUMMARY: Staff are requesting that the Planning Committee review and comment on the proposed Amendment No. 1 to MA 6446 with Panorama Environmental (Panorama) to increase the funding for the contract by \$400,000. The proposed amendment will provide additional capacity to support environmental compliance, permitting, cultural resources compliance, tribal coordination, monitoring, and resource protection services in support of the District Capital Program.

The original agreement was approved by the Board on June 17, 2025 for Panorama 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 capital 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.

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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (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 in support of the capital program, watershed management, water supply reliability projects, vegetation management activities, and emergency response efforts. Since execution of MA 6446, the District has experienced a greater-than-anticipated demand for cultural resources compliance and protection services associated with these 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, regulatory compliance documentation, and technical review of project activities. As the District progresses with the implementation of the expanded capital program, staff recognize the need for increased support to address cultural resources compliance requirements. 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, and regulatory permitting. The proposed amendment will provide sufficient funding to continue utilizing the existing agreement and maintain continuity of services for current and future capital projects.

Staff recommend that the Planning Committee review and comment on the proposed amendment. Following the Planning Committee's input, staff will bring the proposed amendment to a future regularly scheduled Board meeting for consideration of approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed amendment would increase the total contract amount by \$400,000, from \$250,000 to \$650,000. Funding for services performed under this contract will be provided through individual capital projects and operating budgets on an as-needed basis. There is no minimum or maximum amount of work guaranteed under the proposed amendment.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.