



City of McCleary

Memorandum

To: Mayor Miller

From: Todd Baun- Director of Public Works

Date: April 7, 2022- For April Council Meeting

Subject: Update: Wildcat Creek Aquifer Sustainability Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION

Please discuss and allow staff to proceed with negotiations for a contract with EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC (EA).

BACKGROUND

In February/ March of 2022, we sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to 245 professional firms. This RFP is to get a plan that will meet the requirements in a way that is tailored for our local community, the groundwater basin, local agencies, and water purveyors. There is a significant amount of analysis, study and modeling that has been completed for this basin, but there are likely many data gaps that will need to be filled to complete this assignment. The city is looking for an Aquifer Sustainability Plan (ASP) that meets our requirements, but which does not need to exceed the requirements in a significant way. There are 2 existing studies that have been developed, known as the Hart Crowser report (1994) and the Horsley Witten report (2008), which have not been updated and is expected to need significant additional updating for the purposes of the ASP preparation. This ASP should be developed such that:

1. it incorporates all existing studies, models, tools and other existing data and planning to the greatest extent practicable
2. it develops a complete/comprehensive understanding of the basin and basin history, and communicates that effectively to the city through the ASP
3. it works through the sustainability criteria in a way that is specifically tied to this Wildcat Creek Aquifer, as opposed to a generic evaluation
4. it explains and evaluates management actions in a clear and organized manner

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5. it provides plans for implementing and reporting (this must be a workable plan, not a theoretical plan) and,
 6. Must comply with all regulations in such a way that the City can reliably move forward and achieve sustainability in the basin.

We received one proposal from EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC (EA). We have reviewed their proposal and would like to move forward with negotiating a contract with EA.