



Meeting Date: April 25, 2024 **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

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Submitted by: Gretchen Reuwer **Approved by:** Ryan Kelso
Director of Electric Services and Compliance Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Paloma Blanca Enterprises, Inc., for Construction, Maintenance, and Site Work of All Right-of-Ways for New Braunfels Utilities

BACKGROUND

This Professional Services Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Paloma Blanca Enterprises, Inc. (“Paloma Blanca”) provides labor, material, and equipment necessary to perform right-of-way services (the “Services”) for New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”). The Services will consist of (i) Perform Right-of-Way services to include clearing, trimming, construction on fence/gate/road and pad site/substation/creek crossing/low water crossings, concrete and paving, erosion control, right-of-way restoration and grading, excavation, vegetation replacement, bollard installation, and mobilization; (ii) Supervise of Right-of-Way Clearing Crew; (iii) Perform all work with lines and equipment energized and performing pruning activities in accordance with the Texas Forest Service of American National Standards Institute guidelines; (iv) Removal of Vegetation; (v) Protection of Orchard, Crops, Gardens, and Lawn as required in accordance to NBU’s vegetation control plan; (vi) Maintain Pathways and Roadways access as approved by NBU; (vii) Control or remove all vegetation vines from Structures, Poles and Guy Wires; (viii) Maintain the appropriate tree and brush stump height not to exceed 2 inches; and (ix) Job Site Clean-up.

NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement with Paloma Blanca for the Services.

This item is being presented to the Board because the total amount of the Agreement exceeds \$500,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total financial impact for the Agreement with Paloma Blanca for the Services is not to exceed \$2,500,000 annually and \$12,500,000 for the duration of the Agreement. The Project is budgeted within the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2029 NBU Board approved O&M and Capital Improvements Projects Budgets.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Customers and Community

Financial Excellence

Stewardship

EXHIBITS

1. Professional Services Agreement with Paloma Blanca Enterprises, Inc.