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TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with GHD Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES) in the amount of \$602,396.25, increasing the total contract amount to \$1,088,058.25, and extending the completion date to December 1, 2027.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve the amendment.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The City's Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES) is funded through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Financial Assistance (DFA), Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) planning grant, Contract #C-06-8403-110. GHD Inc. has served as the City's consultant on this study. The project began On August 15, 2017 when the City Council adopted Resolution No. 1352-2017 approving a Scope of Services for City Engineering firm GHD Inc. to submit on behalf of the City a grant application and to perform an SSES.

The goal of this study is to eventually secure a significant grant to repair or replace the collection system pipes, which are in a severely degraded condition. Similar to the current water distribution system capital improvement project, a project such as this will save ratepayers potentially tens of millions of dollars. A grant funded project will assist the wastewater treatment plant in being environmentally compliant and operationally efficient, further saving ratepayer dollars.

Work substantially complete under the current agreement includes background research, draft GIS mapping, the Painter Street line evaluation and CWSRF construction funding application, flow monitoring, CCTV inspection, right-of-way analysis, evaluation of inflow and infiltration (I/I) impacts, the SSES Report of Findings, and the draft disinfection byproduct report of findings.

The amendment reallocates budget among several existing tasks (see budget table below) and adds Task 15, which funds design of the City's highest-priority sewer improvements identified through the SSES, in three phases:

- 30% Preliminary Design Plans, Table of Contents for Technical Specifications, and Opinion of Probable Construction Costs – due November 1, 2026
- 60% Preliminary Design Plans, Technical Specifications, and Opinion of Probable Construction Costs, including Regional Board compliance review – due February 15, 2027
- 90% Preliminary Design Plans, Technical Specifications, and Opinion of Probable Construction Costs – due May 30, 2027

Remaining tasks under the amended agreement include finalizing the hydraulic model, CEQA environmental compliance work once improvement locations are confirmed, and preparation of the final CWSRF construction funding application, with a revised overall completion date of December 1, 2027.

ATTACHMENTS

1. GHD letter and attachments

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