



Contract Order

Client: City of Tenino Att: Mayer David Watterson 149 Hodgden Street S, Tenino, WA 98589	Date: June 18, 2024
	Contract No.: 1
	Project No.:
Project Name: Water Right Assistance	
Subject: Water Right Feasibility Assessment	

Description of Work	Cost
<p>Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. dba Aspect Consulting (Aspect) understands that the City of Tenino wishes to explore its options for securing additional water right permits. The City is a municipal water provider that operates wells for the purpose of meeting its ongoing water supply commitments in Thurston, WA. The City is located in the Scatter Creek subbasin of the greater Chehalis River Watershed, and understands the challenges associated with acquiring new water rights. Options for developing additional water rights generally acquire mitigation offsets – and often the acquisition of existing water rights.</p> <p>This scope of work is intended to authorize a preliminary feasibility assessment in which Aspect will assess the current regulatory setting and provide options/permitting route for additional water supply. For this initial phase we propose the following tasks:</p> <p>Proposed Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitation of Technical Assistance meetings with Ecology staff to discuss permitting options. We assume two different meetings with Ecology will be needed to address program-specific issues. One meeting with Ecology’s State Waste Discharge program to discuss the reclaimed water permit and potential opportunity to add water right mitigation as an additional beneficial use. And one meeting with Ecology’s Water Resources program to confirm the City’s current water right portfolio and records, and discuss the City’s plans to explore new water right opportunities. • Prior to meeting with Ecology, we will review publicly-available records and files provided by the City to identify water rights associated with the City’s water system operation, and review authorizations relative to actual use and identify potential discrepancies and/or risks. • We will work with the City to identify approximately 3 to 5 alternatives for new water rights and develop a conceptual water 	<p>Tjme and Materials, Not to Exceed \$7,000</p>

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budget that takes into consideration major return-flow pathways (aka total water use vs. aquifer returns via WWTP).

- Conduct a high-level screening of water rights that might be suitable for acquisition and transfer.
- Tabulate recommended alternatives and water right screening results in matrix format for comparison of advantages and disadvantages. Recommendations for next steps and ongoing water right permitting support will be delivered via email.

Potential Future Tasks

Future tasks the City may considered pursuing with Aspect include, but are not limited to the following:

- Preparation of Applications for Change to transfer water rights, or new permit applications that include mitigation elements;
- Acquisition support related to purchase of existing water rights;
- Cost Reimbursement Services related to the processing of either new mitigated permits for Applications for Change;
- Well drilling and testing support;

Assumptions

The City will be able to provide Aspect with water production and discharge records.

Deliverable and Schedule:

Aspect proposed to complete its review with 6-weeks from your notice to proceed. Our deliverable will be provided as a technical memo, with a follow up meeting to address questions and discuss next steps.

Aspect cannot wholly predict the volume of materials required to render its opinion or what we may find in this analysis which may prompt recommendations for further review. We have prepared this work in accordance with our extensive experience in conducting due diligence evaluations and will keep the City advised if significant new issues arise in our review.

Aspect will complete this work for up to \$7,000 on a time and materials, not-to-exceed basis. This fee includes our technical review, email findings, coordination meeting, and routine calls/emails.

This contract order incorporates the attached Terms and Conditions and Schedule of Charges. Except as amended above, these terms, conditions, and rates apply to this contract order.

ASPECT CONSULTING	By:
	Printed Name: Jill Van Hulle Principal Water Resource Specialist
CLIENT	By:
	Printed Name/Date:

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