

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: December 07, 2011

Board Item: V-E-1

Agreement with Grand River Consulting for Denver Water's Share of Consulting Costs Performed for the Front Range Water Council

Action by Consent

Action

Information

The Front Range Water Council was created in 2008 by the major providers of water service along the Front Range of Colorado to work on a variety of issues of mutual interest. The Council membership includes Denver Water, Northern Water, Aurora Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, Pueblo Board of Water Works, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company. Council members provide water for 4 million people or 82% of the state's population. The attached flyer provides more background information on the Council.

Council members have found it beneficial to pool their resources on several projects of mutual interest. Original efforts focused on the Endangered Species Recovery Program on the Colorado River. More recently, a number of new studies have been initiated that affect the Council members' mutual interests. The studies include the Colorado River Water Availability Study, the Colorado River Compact Compliance Study, the Colorado River Basin Study, and the Colorado Water Bank Study. To help members better and more cost effectively participate in these studies, the Council has hired technical consulting help. The Council has also done some strategic planning and determined that in addition to the above, it would benefit from consulting help in developing Colorado River Compact modeling and strategies, working with the Basin Roundtable and Interbasin Compact Committee in plans for meeting future supply gaps and developing innovative and mutually beneficial agricultural and urban water sharing methods.

Grand River Consulting Corporation and several sub-contractors have provided most of the technical consulting in the past and Grand River was selected by the Council to continue work through 2012. The Council has established a technical consulting budget of \$300,000 for 2011 and 2012. Costs are divided among members to generally reflect the size of the water providers as follows:

Denver Water and Northern Water:	20% each
Aurora Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, Pueblo Board of Water Works, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company:	12% each

The technical consulting work will be performed at the direction of the Council by Grand River Consulting Corporation and by subcontractors hired and managed by Grand River Consulting. Grand River will contract with the individual Council members for payment under the cost sharing schedule above. Work will be billed on a time and material basis.

Under the attached contract number 13795A, Denver Water's share of the costs of consulting services will be a maximum of \$60,000 per year in years 2011 and 2012, for a total cost of \$120,000. The costs for 2011 were not anticipated at the time of budgeting. Denver Water's share of expenses in 2011 through the month of October is approximately \$34,000. It is expected that the total costs for 2011 will be less than \$60,000. The 2011 costs will be taken from the Planning Division budget for the

Integrated Resource Plan. The IRP budget is either being reduced or delayed depending on the level of analysis that will be performed next year. Sixty thousand dollars is in the Planning Division's 2012 budget.

Recommendation:

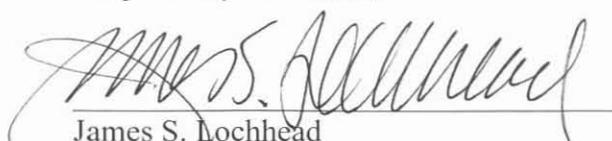
It is recommended that the Board enter into the attached contract number 13795A with Grand River Consulting Corporation regarding Denver Water's share of the costs of consulting services performed for the Front Range Water Council.

Approvals:



Dave Little
Director of Planning

Respectfully submitted,



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