

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: July 14, 2010

Board Item: V-A-6

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE
FOUR MILE FEN REHABILITATION PROJECT
AGREEMENT 11918A**

Action by Consent

Action

Information

In January of 2008, the Board was given information on the Four-Mile Creek Fen Mitigation Bank project. Fens are groundwater supported wetlands composed of peat soils. The historic Four-Mile Ranch, currently owned by Denver Water, once contained such a fen and associated mineral soil wetlands that became drained by the construction of the Four-Mile Ditch. A plan has been developed to fill the ditch that will rehydrate and reestablish the dewatered fen and wetlands. Restoration of the site will re-establish a rare and valuable ecosystem and provide mitigation credit valued up to eight million dollars. Once established, the site will be turned over to a yet-to-be-determined agency for continued research and protection.

Denver Water contracted with the Colorado Department of Corrections, Buena Vista Correctional Facility for the fen rehabilitation project. Under the terms of the agreement, construction was performed by inmates participating in the facility's construction education program. Denver Water's costs mainly consisted of equipment rental and the purchase of supplies. The total cost of the original intergovernmental agreement is for \$150,000.00. Some of these funds were spent using 2009 Capital Improvement Plan funds.

Due to the success of the wetlands project, there was more groundwater to deal with than was originally anticipated. The additional water caused the Contractor to expend additional effort and time to protect the previously completed work. This resulted in additional costs in the amount of \$42,881.95.

The 2010 Capital Improvement Plan (MPC 1AL0018) includes funds for the completion of this project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the Second Amendment to Agreement 11918A with the Colorado Department of Corrections in the amount of \$42,881.95, bringing the total agreement amount to \$192,881.95.

Budget Considerations

Master Plan Code(s): 1AL0018

- Budgeted Item
- Unbudgeted Item
- Funds transferred from another project:

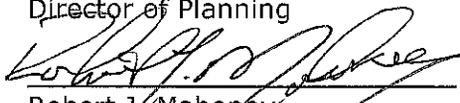
Budget Information

2010 Budget	\$143,737.00
Amount Requested This Item	\$42,881.95
YTD Expenditures	\$65,886.00
Additional Expenditures Anticipated	\$35,469.05
Revised 2010 Estimate	\$143,737.00
Variance Required	\$0.00

Approvals:

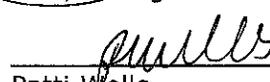

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