

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: February 11, 2015

Board Item: II-A-7

Amendment to Contract for Consulting Services with GBSM, Inc. Contract # 14684A

Action by Consent

Action

Information

In 2009, GBSM, Inc. was selected to provide strategic public policy and issues management consulting services through a competitive bid process, and the Board voted to retain them on a year-to-year basis.

Initially, GBSM's scope of work included support for human resources, stakeholder relations, process improvements and lobbying efforts. This work has since been absorbed by staff or bid out to other consultants, and the GBSM services scope was narrowed to water policy, issues management and strategic counsel. The services currently provided include water policy support for integrated resource planning, land and water use planning, Gross Reservoir expansion, and Colorado River basin-wide drought management; Public Affairs support for message platforms, strategies and plans to support initiatives in various communities, and internal climate adaptation support; and support for the CEO/Manager and Executive Team with strategic, organizational and managerial counsel and problem solving.

Given the nature of the work that lies ahead and the depth of relevant knowledge GBSM has on water issues, staff recommends continuing on a year-to-year contract basis

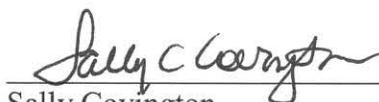
Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board ratify the amendment to Contract 14684A to retain the services of GBSM, Inc. through December 31, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

Approvals:



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Respectfully submitted,



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