

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: September 8, 2010

Board Item: V-E-5

**Amendment to Contract 07538A for  
Additional Funding of the Moffat Collection System Project EIS**

Action by Consent

Action

Information

At its August 20, 2003 meeting, the Board approved a five-phase contract with URS Corporation to serve as the third-party consultant to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Moffat Collection System Project. URS is now completing Phase V, preparation of the Final EIS, as approved by the Board on January 13, 2010 for \$1,108,686. Phase V is the preparation of the Final EIS.

Preparing the Final EIS involves responding to the comments received by the Corps on the Draft EIS. Based on comments received, the Corps determines if additional studies or a Supplemental EIS is needed to further evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The original Phase V Scope of Work assumed 1,500 comments, a 2,500 page Final EIS, and no additional studies. However, over 5,000 comments were received, and URS now estimates that the Final EIS will be approximately 4,500 pages. The Corps has determined that additional studies are required to strengthen the discussion of: Geomorphology, Groundwater, Sensitive Species, Aquatic Biological Resources, Surface Water, Riparian/Wetlands, Air Quality, Socioeconomics, and Cumulative Impacts.

As a result of these additional studies, the expanded level of effort to prepare responses to comments and prepare the Final EIS, and the extended schedule to complete Phase V, the additional budget in this Amendment is needed.

These additional studies were anticipated and funds will be included in the 2011 Budget for this contract (1AL0014).

Recommendation:

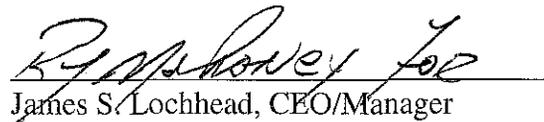
It is recommended that the Board authorize the attached contract with URS for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,110,383 for Phase V – Additional Work. The total cost of all phases will now total \$7,360,148.

Respectfully submitted,

**Approvals:**



Director of Planning



James S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager



General Counsel