

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: July 9, 2014

Board Item: II-A-6

**Denver Water's Storage Reliable Project – Final FERC License Amendment
Application
Contract # 12376A**

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Gross Reservoir is a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensed hydroelectric project and Denver Water needs to amend this license in order to enlarge Gross Reservoir. The license amendment will address changes to the dam, hydro-power plant, FERC Project boundary, and recreation facilities. These changes are needed in order to facilitate the expansion of Gross Reservoir. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers release a Final EIS on April 25, 2014 for the Moffat Project. This Final EIS evaluated impacts that were inside and outside of the FERC Project boundary for Gross Reservoir. Following FERC's request for an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E, Denver Water must prepare an EA, using the information provided in the Final EIS, which identifies the impacts within the FERC Project boundary. Denver Water has retained CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. (CH2M Hill) to help prepare the EA for the FERC Hydropower License Amendment Application. The development of the EA is outside the original scope of work and will require additional resources and compensation for CH2M Hill. Denver Water is asking the Board to approve the additional work (\$60,156) with CH2M Hill to complete this work with a not-to-exceed cost of \$158,474.

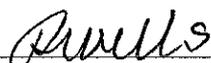
The Master Plan Code for this item is 1AL0014 - Denver Water's Storage Reliability Project which includes funds for the FERC License Amendment Application. A total of \$1.35 Million was budgeted for professional services for this project in 2014. Expenses to date through May 31, 2014 are \$344,886. Sufficient funds have been budgeted to cover current year expenses and therefore a budget variance will not be required to accommodate this contract amendment.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board authorize the attached contract with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.

Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,



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