

Denver Board of Water Commissioners

Title:

First Amendment to the MOU between Denver Water, the City of Aurora, and the South Metro Water Supply Authority

Meeting Date: 8/12/2009

Contract/Proposal

 Action by Consent Action Information

For the past several years, Denver Water (the Board), the City of Aurora (Aurora), and the South Metro Water Supply Authority (the Authority) have entered into various agreements to investigate mutually beneficial cooperative water supply projects. These agreements include the recent June 2009 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Board, Aurora, and the Authority to allow the joint purchase of water rights and infrastructure, the April 2006 IGA between the Board and Aurora to investigate potential shared use of water resources and facilities, and the November 2008 MOU between the Board, Aurora and the Authority to jointly fund a cooperative water resource study that may result in a cooperative joint water supply project. The joint project being studied includes the potential use of Aurora's Prairie Waters system, a portion of the Board's unused reusable supplies, and water and infrastructure owned by the Authority (the WISE Project). The proposed MOU Amendment would allow additional funding for continued study of the WISE project.

Study costs for the WISE project will be split evenly between the three Parties. Through the proposed MOU Amendment, the Board would allocate \$170,000 of additional funding for joint project related studies through the remainder of 2009. To cover these unbudgeted expenses, the Planning Department proposes to shift the \$170,000 from two other projects, the IRP and the Moffat project. The WISE Project is a IRP related project. The funds from the Moffat projects were budgeted for tasks in 2009, but have been delayed until 2010. By shifting money between projects, there will be no net increase to the 2009 budget. Aurora, through action of its City Council is also allocating \$170,000, and the Authority is allocating \$103,000 for work in 2009. This discrepancy is due to the Authority allocating an additional \$63,00 at an earlier date. The Board has budgeted \$150,000 for consulting work related to the WISE project in 2010, as have Aurora and the Authority.

The Parties to the proposed MOU Amendment have previously contracted with Black & Veatch Engineering to conduct engineering analysis of the potential cooperative joint water supply project. Some of the funding requested through the proposed MOU Amendment will be used for additional engineering work under the Black & Veatch contract, the amendment of which is also on the Board's agenda today. Other consultant contracts may include financial, public relations, or other engineering services.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve execution of the attached MOU Amendment with the City of Aurora and the South Metro Water Supply Authority.

Approvals:



David Little, Director Planning



Patricia L. Wells, General Counsel



Manager Approval:

Documents Attached:

 File Attachment