

Denver Board of Water Commissioners

Title:

**Third Amendment to Agreement No. 11484A with Black & Veatch Engineering**

Meeting Date: 8/12/2009

Contract/Proposal

Action by Consent

Action

Information

This Third Amendment to the Black & Veatch Agreement continues the investigation of cooperative water management alternatives between Denver Water (Board), the City of Aurora (Aurora) and the South Metro Water Supply Authority (Authority).

For the past several years, the Board, Aurora, and 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).

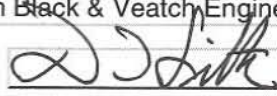
The parties have contracted with Black & Veatch Engineering to develop possible water delivery scenarios through the WISE Project. Study results thus far have been encouraging, showing potential for significant water supply development for the three parties. The proposed Third Amendment to the Black & Veatch agreement will continue these studies through the remainder of 2009. The work will determine potential amounts of water available to the parties under several scenarios, including the Board's use of the Project to replace a portion of its Strategic Water Reserve, initial phasing of water delivery infrastructure, and potential water treatment options.

Costs for the Third Amendment will be split evenly between the parties. The Board's portion of the additional 2009 funding for the study would be \$143,721. This money was budgeted through a variance requested in the Board Item dealing with the MOU Amendment between the Board, Aurora, and the Authority.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board approve execution of the attached Third Amendment to Agreement No. 11484A with Black & Veatch Engineering.

Approvals:



David Little, Director Planning



Patricia L. Wells, General Counsel



Manager Approval:

Documents Attached:

 File Attachment