

# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

## Board Memorandum

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2021**

**SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDR, INC. TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT BY TEN MONTHS, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, WITH NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION**

**ISSUE:**

Consider approving the First Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with HDR, inc. to extend the term of the Agreement by ten months, until September 30, 2022, with no additional compensation.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Approve a First Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with HDR, inc. to extend the term of the Agreement by ten (10) months, until September 30, 2022, with no additional compensation; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute this first amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with HDR, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transactions.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 9, 2020, the Board of Public Utilities (Board) approved a Professional Services Agreement with HDR, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$234,600 for the Long-Term Approach for Perfluorinated Compounds (PFAS) Treatment in response to Request for Proposal No. 2029. The terms of that Agreement are effective until November 30, 2021. Subsequently, on January 11, 2021, the Board also approved a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) testing project. This testing project would allow RPU water staff to better understand how effective the different types of media are in treating PFAS compounds.

**DISCUSSION:**

The consultant is in the final phases of completing the final report, and one of the key contents within the final report is to include a recommendation for long-term cost-effective alternatives for

contaminants removal by selecting a suitable treatment technology.

The time extension of this long-term approach study is to deliver a report for the optimum long-term alternatives to treat PFAS. This report will be partially contingent on RPU's GAC testing project results to see which one is/are best suitable. The pilot study is still ongoing and will be completed by early 2022. The results of the GAC testing project are needed to have a better report with more reliable information and thus could provide a cost-saving to the City in the long run operation and maintenance.

RPU and the Consultant desire to extend the term of the Agreement by ten (10) months, until September 30, 2022, with no additional compensation.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

The preparation of the Long-Term Approach for Perfluorinated Compounds Treatment supports the priorities of the City of Riverside's Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan, which contributes to Environmental Stewardship Strategic Priority No. 4 and Goal No. 4.2 – Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable and affordable water to our community.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – This project shows RPU's proactive commitment to protecting public health and thereby enhancing community trust.
2. **Equity** – RPU endeavors to provide a high water quality in its distribution system will equally benefit all of its customers.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This project aims to optimize the long long-term approach to treat and reduce the amount of PFAS below the current notification levels by proposing cost-effective alternatives for the treatment of PFAS compounds.
4. **Innovation** – This project looks at innovative technologies to reduce the concentration of PFAS compounds.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – This project has a direct contribution to the sustainability and reliability of the water quality by treatment of the source water supply before entering into the distribution system.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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Attachments:

1. First Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement
2. Presentation