

**Association of Bay Area Governments
ABAG Administrative Committee**

July 8, 2022

Agenda Item 3b

**Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program: Amendment to Lotus Water
(\$50,000)**

Subject:

Authorization to amend a contract with Lotus Water by \$50,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000 and to extend the contract term to December 31, 2022, to continue supporting the Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Grant program.

Background:

ABAG was awarded \$3,020,000 in grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources' Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (funded by California Proposition 1) on September 11, 2019. The state increased this amount to \$4,827,000 on June 22, 2021. This grant funds local community partners to work with disadvantaged, underrepresented, and tribal communities throughout the Bay Area to conduct needs assessments to identify water-related needs and solutions. This grant aims to fund work to conduct needs assessments, identify projects in these communities that could be proposed in future rounds of funding, and integrate these communities into the IRWM funding and management process. The grant includes funding significant outreach to local community groups and technical development of projects for proposals in 2023.

Subject matter experts have supported ABAG's work with these communities and outreach partners Lotus Water and Woodard and Curran, Inc. These experts have been working with these communities for the past several years and are integral to the successful accomplishment of program goals.

To complete this work with, ABAG contracted with Lotus Water to continue their work on October 28, 2020 in supporting ABAG and the community outreach partners, frontline communities, and Tribes across the bay area. This contract was procured through a sole source for compelling business reasons and was executed on October 28, 2020. The original contract term was September 18, 2020 through November 30, 2021 and was amended to expire June 30, 2022. This contract will be extended to December 31, 2022 pending approval of this budget change.

Next Steps:

Staff will process a contract amendment with Lotus Water immediately after authorization from the ABAG Administrative Committee.

Issues:

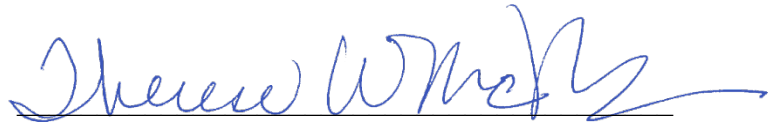
None identified.

Recommendations:

The ABAG Administrative Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission or designee to negotiate and execute an amendment to the contract with Lotus Water, with an effective date of June 30, 2022, for support outreach, needs assessment, capacity building, project development, and grant writing support efforts, in an amount not to exceed, \$50,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000 and to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2022.

Attachments:

- None



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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

Work Item No.:	1720
Consultant:	Lotus Water San Francisco, California
Work Project Title:	Integrated Regional Water Management Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program (DACTIP) Grant.
Purpose of Project:	Conduct needs assessments to identify projects that could be proposed in future rounds of funding and integrate underserved communities into the IRWM funding and management process
Brief Scope of Work:	Support outreach, needs assessment, capacity building, project development, and grant writing support for disadvantaged communities and Tribes participating in the DACTIP Grant Program.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$300,000
Funding Source:	California Department of Water Resources IRWM Grant (Proposition 1 - FSRC 2913)
Fiscal Impact:	Funds programmed in FY 20-21, FY 21-22, FY 22-23 Budgets
Motion by Committee:	The ABAG Administrative Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or designee, to negotiate and execute an amendment to the contract with Lotus Water, with an effective date of June 30, 2022, for support outreach, needs assessment, capacity building, project development, and grant writing support efforts between September 1, 2020, and December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000, and to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2022.

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Committee Approval:

Jesse Arreguin, ABAG President

Approved:

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