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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: CITY-COUNTY OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN WATER PLANNING -  
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENT NO. 14 TO CITY AGREEMENT 96-029  
WITH SURFACE WATER RESOURCES, INC. (\$170,000)**

**LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-County

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the execution of Supplement No. 14 to City Agreement 96-029 with Surface Water Resources, Inc. (SWRI), for an amount not to exceed \$170,000 for technical support in the development of a Flow Management Plan for the Lower American River (LAR) to finish out the current fiscal year.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Valerie Holcomb, Senior Administrative Officer, 264-1997

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** April 30, 2002

**SUMMARY:** This report identifies the need for continued environmental and technical consulting services for the Water Forum and the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP) for the development of a Lower American River Flow Management Plan. This work builds on the technical work conducted by SWRI to develop the River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP) for the Lower American River. The development of the Flow Management Plan is a critical element of the Water Forum Agreement, which the Council approved in November 1999.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** None

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- On February 27, 1996, the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Hydrologic Consultants, Inc., for \$70,730.62 to provide professional services to the CCOMWP for the development of an Environmental Impact Report related the development of a Water Forum Agreement. Hydrologic Consultants, Inc., has since reorganized and changed its name to Surface Water Resources, Inc.
- Between August 20, 1996 and July 18, 2001, Supplements No. 1 through 13 to City Agreement 96-029 with Surface Water Resources, Inc., for professional services to the CCOMWP were approved for a total amount of \$1,657,595.62.

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The scope of work under Supplement No. 14 of the City Agreement 96-029 with Surface Water Resources, Inc. continues and builds on the scope of work identified and approved on July 18, 2001 for Supplement No. 13. This scope of work includes:

- Draft Flow Management Plan for the Lower American River. Development of the plan includes an analytical comparison between prescriptive minimum flows and the existing condition, an adaptive management flow element that will allow managers to take into consideration real-time conditions in the operation of the system.
- Development of a system-wide Ecological and Biological Monitoring Plan to monitor the Lower American River. This plan will provide the framework to support the adaptive management element of the Flow Management Plan, and will provide the data to evaluate how the system responds to the plan and will inform future decision-making.
- Provide technical support and guidance to the review process of the plan by the Water Forum Successor Effort, state and federal agencies, stakeholder representatives, and other interested parties.
- Provide continued project support to the FISH Working Group, Technical Subcommittee, facilitators, and staff. This task includes the development of formal presentations, communication and coordination, critique and program development, and advice and support.

When completed the proposed Flow Management Plan for the Lower American River will be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for adoption as the new flow standard for the Lower American River.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The current agreement with Surface Water Resources, Inc. is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,657,595.62. Supplement No. 14 to City Agreement 96-029 is for \$170,000. This would bring the new not-to-exceed amount to \$1,827,595.62.

This work will be funded from the Water Forum's Habitat Management Element (HME) Fund (514-880-8810-4258) operating budget, which has sufficient unobligated funds through June 30, 2002 to fund this Supplemental Agreement. A separate City Council report has been prepared to increase the HME expense budget and revenue budget to cover the cost of this contract supplemental agreement. The City of Sacramento, the County of Sacramento, and the San Juan Water District, a purveyor signatory to the

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Water Forum Agreement that diverts water from the American River, provide funding for the HME portion of the CCOMWP budget.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:** Not applicable.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:** Section V of the Second Interagency Agreement between the City and County of Sacramento, which continued existence of the CCOMWP, requires that all contracting procedures shall follow the procedures used by the City. The rationale for hiring this consultant is the need for specialized professional and technical consulting services that are a continuation of the specific tasks being performed for the Water Forum and the CCOMWP. Further, success of the Flow Management Plan will be dependent upon the skills and services of technical experts that are well grounded in the Water Forum negotiations and are accepted and respected by the stakeholder representatives.

**ESBD EFFORTS:** The consultant, Surface Water Resources, Inc., does not qualify as an emerging or small business firm. However, they are uniquely qualified to continue to provide the environmental and technical services sought by the Water Forum and the CCOMWP.

Respectfully submitted,



Leo Winternitz  
Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



Robert P. Thomas  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-225**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK  
TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENT NO. 14 TO CITY AGREEMENT 96-029  
WITH SURFACE WATER RESOURCES, INC. FOR THE CITY-  
COUNTY OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN WATER PLANNING (\$170,000)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:**

The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Supplement No. 14 to City Agreement 96-029 with Surface Water Resources, Inc. to continue providing environmental and technical support in the development of a Lower American River Flow Management Plan for the Water Forum Successor Effort and the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning for an amount not to exceed \$170,000.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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