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April 3, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:
PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER CLASS III LANDFILL
GROUNDWATER MONITORING SERVICES
CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86575
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a contract amendment to the Geo-Logic Associates consultant services agreement for the provision of ongoing semi-annual groundwater monitoring, groundwater quality analysis, reporting to jurisdictional agencies, and a contingency fund for additional groundwater monitoring and reporting and related services, for the Pitchess Detention Center Class III Landfill.

JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed contract amendment providing for continued landfill groundwater monitoring services at Pitchess Detention Center Class III Landfill is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Class 1 as the activity consists of maintenance of an existing public facility, and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use, as reflected in this letter and the record of the Project.

2. Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to negotiate, execute, and implement an amendment to Contract Number FPC-1016 with Geo-Logic Associates for the provision of ongoing semi-annual groundwater monitoring, groundwater quality analysis, reporting to jurisdictional agencies, and a contingency fund for additional groundwater monitoring and reporting and related services, for the

Pitchess Detention Center Class III Landfill, to increase the maximum contract sum by $171,957, for a maximum contract sum of $295,246.

3. Authorize the Sheriff, in coordination with the Chief Executive Officer, to approve the use of the contingency fund included in the contract increase of $171,957 for the performance of additional monitoring related services in accordance with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Order 01-133's requirements.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the actions exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to negotiate, execute, and implement a contract amendment with Geo-Logic Associates (GLA) to continue providing monitoring services at the Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) Class III Landfill (Landfill), in accordance with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CRWQCB) requirements.

BACKGROUND

The Landfill was used for waste disposal until 1993. As part of the landfill management plan, CRWQCB Order 01-133 requires semi-annual monitoring of the groundwater in the vicinity of the site to ensure that the Landfill does not contaminate the groundwater.

In 1997, the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) issued technical approval of a conceptual landfill cover plan prepared by Brian A. Stirrat (BAS), as part of the Final Closure/Post-Closure Maintenance Plan (PCMP). However, CRWQCB requested a revision of the landfill cover plan. In September 2007, BAS prepared a subsequent PCMP amendment. This revised PCMP included a four foot thick, imported, indigenous soils cover over the entire Landfill, and received technical approval from CRWQCB on January 2, 2008, and from CIWMB on May 22, 2008. GLA was the geotechnical engineering consultant for BAS on both the 1997 and 2007 conceptual Landfill cover plans.

In 2006, GLA was awarded a consultant services agreement to perform groundwater monitoring services. Upon GLA's completion of the Spring/Summer 2011 and Annual 2011 Detection Monitoring Report, which the Sheriff's Department (Department) submitted to CRWQCB on October 28, 2011, the remaining original contract capacity under the GLA agreement is insufficient to allow for continued groundwater monitoring. In addition, since the Landfill closure, natural ground cover has continued to grow on the site. During a recent on-site meeting, the CRWQCB inspector noted that the natural ground cover rebounded better than expected. Based on this observation, the Department and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) are conducting further studies and engineering evaluations to determine if minimal additional work on the existing natural rebound ground cover is a sufficient substitute plan for the 2008 previously approved revised PCMP cover.

It is recommended that your Board approve the monitoring services contract amendment with GLA to allow for continued groundwater monitoring services, groundwater quality analysis, and any additional related activities until such time as the County can present its final recommendation for the landfill cover in accordance with CRWQCB Order 01-133.

Implementation of County Strategic Plan Goals

The award of this contract amendment with GLA supports the County's Strategic Plan Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Public Safety (Goal 5) by implementing the necessary actions to provide diligent monitoring of this Landfill and continue protection of the groundwater quality.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The maximum amount of the contract amendment is $171,957, including $51,210 for groundwater monitoring and reporting for six reporting periods from March 2012 through September 2014, $69,648 for remediation of groundwater release, and $51,099 in contingency amount for additional related services to cover unexpected events in accordance with CRWQCB Order 01-133's strict requirements and timelines. The consultant is not authorized to perform any of the services covered by the contingency amount unless directed by the Sheriff. Sufficient funds for this contract amendment are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget, Pitchess Detention Center Class III Landfill Closure/Maintenance, Capital Project Number 86575.

The project is fully funded by prior year net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has reviewed the contract amendment and will approve it as to form. The standard, Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring of qualified, displaced County employees were included in the contract.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, GLA is willing to consider County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs participants for future employment. GLA is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity at PDC Landfill is categorically exempt from CEQA. The activity, which includes execution of a contract amendment for continued groundwater monitoring and additional groundwater monitoring related services, including a contingency for installation of an additional well for groundwater monitoring services if necessary, is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Section 15301(f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(i) and (l) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The activity consists of maintenance of an existing public facility and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Additionally, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make use of the exemption inapplicable based on the Project records. The ongoing monitoring of the groundwater is required by order of the CRWQCB. At such time as a recommendation is made to your Board for adoption of plans to close the Landfill, an appropriate environmental document will be submitted to your Board for approval.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended activity, the Department will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On June 29, 2006, the Department issued a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for Well Installation and Monitoring Services. The RFSQ was posted on the County website and released to 19 firms. On July 19, 2006, the Department received one proposal and staff assessed the proposer's qualifications. The selected firm, GLA, was determined to meet all criteria to provide the required services based on their qualifications and experience, and their proposed methodology and quality control plan. GLA was selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. On August 29, 2006, your Board approved the original agreement with GLA for a not-to-exceed contract amount of $123,289.

GLA has a nine year history of successfully providing groundwater monitoring and reporting at the Landfill. In 2006, GLA was the only firm to submit a proposal for well installation and groundwater monitoring services. GLA's experience and familiarity with the Landfill allows the Department to effectively and efficiently meet CRWQCB's requirements in a timely manner. The original agreement has a remaining contract capacity of $690. The ongoing groundwater monitoring and related groundwater services are within the contemplated scope of work of the original RFSQ for the consultant services, as well as within the scope of work of the original agreement with GLA. Therefore, the Department requests that your Board approve an increase to the maximum contract sum of the original agreement with GLA by $171,957, inclusive of the contingency.

The total revised maximum contract sum of the consultant services agreement awarded to GLA, including the proposed amendment, will be $295,246.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the contract amendment with GLA ensures the Department's ability to maintain continued compliance with the CRWQCB's requirements for semi-annual groundwater monitoring/reporting and other related services; thereby reducing the risk of delays in the subsequent design, procurement, and construction of an engineered cover to seal the Landfill and implementation of the 30-year PCMP.

CONCLUSION

Please return one copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects, and the Sheriff's Department's Facilities Planning Bureau.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Sheriff

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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT A

CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT
PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER CLASS III LANDFILL
GEO-LOGIC ASSOCIATES

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Estimated Completion Date
Continue Mandatory Well Monitoring Events and Issue Reports to the State Agency	
Fall/Winter 2012	April 2012
Spring/Summer 2012	October 2012
Fall/Winter 2013	April 2013
Spring/Summer 2013	October 2013
Fall/Winter 2014	April 2014
Spring/Summer 2014	October 2014

ATTACHMENT B

AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT
PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER CLASS III LANDFILL
GEO-LOGIC ASSOCIATES (GLA)

II. PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Budget Category	Current Approved Budget	Impact of this Action	New Proposed Project Budget
Construction	0	0	0
Consultant Services	127,957	(111,957)	**16,000**
Well Installation			
GLA Base Contract- Well Installation and Monitoring	123,289	0	123,289
GLA Contract Amendment- Additional Monitoring	0	171,957	171,957
Well Installation Sub-Total	123,289	171,957	**295,246**
Final Closure Construction Documents	436,037	0	**436,037**
Additional Services	60,000	(60,000)	0
County Services	168,717	0	**168,717**
TOTAL	**916,000**	**0**	**916,000**