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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,
REGION 4, LANCASTER
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR
DRINKING WATER WELLS, A CHLORAMINATION STATION, AND A WATER
STORAGE TANK
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,
ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate and enter into an Agreement with Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide design and inspection services for the construction of four drinking water wells, a chloramination station, and a water storage tank in Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Region 4, Lancaster, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$524,920.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to allow the District to enter into an Agreement for design and construction inspection services for four drinking water wells, a chloramination station, and a 3-million-gallon water storage tank at the District's existing Avenue M and 5th Street East tank site (Site).

The District entered into a participation agreement with a private developer, Hillside Residential Development (Hillside), to construct water transmission mains, two 3-million-gallon water storage tanks, and three drinking water wells at this Site. Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., was retained by Hillside to design these facilities and to administer the participation agreement. Pursuant to said participation agreement, approximately \$9.7 million was placed in an escrow account to pay for the design and construction of the facilities. Yet, some of these facilities were not completed as planned, and \$1.67 million remains in the escrow account with Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., as the administrator of the account.

The facilities for which construction and inspection services under the agreement would be performed are needed to meet the high summer water demand of the District's customers and to store surplus treated State Water Project water from the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency during low winter water demand. It would prove very cost effective to the District to contract with Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide design and inspection services for an additional well, a tank, and a chloramination station on the Site.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Awarding this contract will meet the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by allowing us to provide reliable and adequate water supply to the District's customers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Funding for this Agreement is available in the District's Fiscal Year 2006-07 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund N64, and in the escrow account. Under the participation agreement, \$200,000 of the \$524,920 will be paid from the escrow account. The remaining \$324,920 will be paid from the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund N64.

The recommended Agreement for the project is for an aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$524,920, including \$47,720 for unforeseen additional work. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., was selected in 2003 following the contracting process set forth below pursuant to California Government Code Section 4526, et seq.

Public Works will complete the negotiation of the Agreement, including the fee for services, pursuant to Government Code Section 4528.

Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County of Los Angeles Code Chapters 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service program).

The Agreement will be based on the form that was included in the 2003 Request for Proposals, will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel, and will contain provisions requiring Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., to comply with the Safely Surrendered Baby Law and the standard provisions mandated by your Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 12, 2003, your Board certified an Environmental Impact Report in connection with the wells being designed and inspected under the Agreement. On January 13, 1987, your Board also certified a separate Environmental Impact Report for the remaining facilities being designed and inspected under the Agreement. Therefore, all of the requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act have been met.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 4526, et seq., on February 19, 2003, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals to develop a select list of engineering consultants to provide as-needed technical assistance to the District for water systems. The request was sent to 52 firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. An evaluation committee organized by Architectural Engineering Division, including Waterworks staff, used a set of criteria to rate and rank the proposals. The firms selected as the best qualified were Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., Van Dell and Associates, Inc., Lee and Ro, Inc., CH2M Hill, Inc., and David Evans and Associates, Inc.

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As indicated above, Public Works is recommending the award of the Agreement to Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., because it is next in the queue to be selected for a project under the 2003 Request for Proposals in addition to resulting as the most effective consultant from the 2003 list due to Brockmeier Consultant Engineers, Inc.'s prior involvement in providing services in relation to the Site under the participation agreement.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the Project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Brockmeier Consulting Engineers, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel