



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: February 6, 2024

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Scott De Leon, Water Resources Director

Subject: (Sitting as the Board of Directors, Lake County Watershed Protection District)
Approve Agreement between the Lake County Watershed Protection District and
Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers for the preparation of the Big Valley
Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Report and Authorize the Chair to sign
the Agreement

Executive Summary:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to submit annual reports to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) each April 1 following adoption of a groundwater sustainability plan. The report provides information on groundwater conditions and implementation of its GSP over the prior water year.

The GSP Annual Update is a comprehensive document that requires meticulous attention to detail, adherence to regulatory requirements, and effective coordination among various stakeholders. Given the complexity of the process and the pressing deadline for submission, it is imperative that we secure external services to ensure the successful completion of our Annual Update.

Staff solicited proposals from several firms, however Luhdorff & Scalmanini was the only firm to submit a proposal. Luhdorff & Scalmanini produced the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan that was approved in April 2023, and they produced Annual Reports for the Big Valley GSA in 2021 and 2022. Luhdorff & Scalmanini are uniquely qualified to produce the 2023 annual report and staff feel there is no economic benefit to re-soliciting for proposals.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Purchasing Considerations (check all that apply):

☐ Not applicable

☒ Fully Article X. <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI>- and/or Consultant Selection Policy <[http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Policy/Policies+\\$!26+Procedures+Manual/Ch4_2021v2.pdf](http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Policy/Policies+$!26+Procedures+Manual/Ch4_2021v2.pdf)>-Compliant (describe process undertaken in "Executive Summary")

☐ Section 2-38 <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI> Exemption from Competitive Bidding (rationale in "Executive Summary," attach documentation, as needed)

☐ For Technology Purchases: Vetted and Supported by the Technology Governance Committee <<http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Intranet+Forms/Information+Technology/AdvPlan.pdf>> ("Yes," if checked)

☐ Other (Please describe in Executive Summary)

Consistency with Vision 2028 <<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/Administration/Visioning/Vision2028.htm>>

(check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake |

Recommended Action:

Approve Agreement between the Lake County Watershed Protection District and Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers for the preparation of the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Report and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.