



County of Monterey

Item No.7

Board Report

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Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement for Services with One Water Econ, LLP to complete the Dam Materiality General Benefits Study; and authorize the General Manager to execute up to three amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% of the contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed a maximum aggregate amount of \$209,673.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

- a. Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement for Services with One Water Econ, LLP to complete the Dam Materiality General Benefits Study; and
- b. Authorize the General Manager to execute up to three amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% of the contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed a maximum aggregate amount of \$209,673.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("Agency") is working on multiple efforts to scope studies to evaluate the economic benefits of Nacimiento and San Antonio dams and dam operations to help inform future cost allocation and recovery proposals. One of these efforts is the proposed Dam Materiality General Benefits Study ("Study") that will be conducted by One Water Econ, LLP ("One Water Econ").

One Water Econ will provide a forward-looking, comprehensive assessment of the economic impacts and public benefits generated by Agency infrastructure (Attachment 1). The work will focus on how identified benefits accrue broadly to the public to inform the allocation and recovery of costs across beneficiaries, using economic models and tools rather than hydrologic modeling as was utilized for prior efforts like the 2024 Historical Benefits Analysis Update.

Throughout the Study, One Water Econ will coordinate with other consultants engaged by the Agency and/or Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and staff from the County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner's Office, to ensure mutual understanding and alignment of data input and analysis.

On April 3, 2026, the Agency's Finance and Administration Committee supported staff's recommendation for this Agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

This agreement is financed by the fund balance of Fund 111. The total amount needed for this agreement in the current fiscal year (FY) is estimated at \$67,000 and is included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in Fund 111 are included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. The remainder of the Study costs (approximately \$124,000) would be needed in FY 2026-2027.

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Attachments:

1. Agreement for Services with One Water Econ, LLP