



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/2/2020

File #: 20-546

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Aviation

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with Mead and Hunt, Inc. for Phase 2 of the ACV Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Project

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and sign the Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt for Phase 2 of the ACV PFAS Project.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Airport Enterprise Fund
CARES Grant Funds

DISCUSSION:

On Sept. 24, 2019, the Department of Aviation entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt for Phase 1 of the ACV PFAS Project. Phase 1 consisted of the development of a Work Plan and obtaining California State Water Resources Control Board Approval of the Work Plan. This process was completed on Jan. 28, 2020.

Phase II of the ACV PFAS Project will consist of implementing the plan developed under Phase 1 and preparing the project's final report. One of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements of the Department of Aviation for operating a Commercial Service Airport is to have Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) on hand, which contains PFAS, for emergency purposes per Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs). PFAS is a chemical compound found in AFFF. The Department of Aviation has been tasked with developing a work plan and carrying out said work plan for investigation of the relevant areas of the California Redwoods Coast Humboldt County Airport (ACV) property where AFFF has been utilized. This is a requirement through an Investigative Order received from the California State Water Resources Control Board Order (Order WQ 2019-0005-DWQ).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The maximum payable under this agreement is One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Thirty Dollars

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(\$135,030) and has been budgeted in the Arcata-Eureka Airport ACV budget (3530-381) for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Project costs will be 100% reimbursable through the FAA-CARES Grant Funds.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by facilitating public/private partnerships to solve problems.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California State Water Resources Control Board
FAA

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may decide to not approve and sign the Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt. However, this alternative is not recommended because without this Professional Services Agreement the Department of Aviation will not meet the required deadline of the California State Water Resource Board of July 27, 2020, and could result in daily fines. If the Department of Aviation fails to comply with the California State Water Resources Control Board Order it could be fined up to \$5,000 per day with a minimum of \$500/day until the Department is in compliance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Professional Services Agreement By and Between County of Humboldt and Mead & Hunt, Inc.
2. Letter dated March 20, 2019, from the California State Water Resources Control Board enclosing Order WQ 2019-0005-DWQ and Order WQ 2019-0005-DWQ.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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