

COUNCIL REPORT

For Meeting of January 25, 2016

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO. 2016-

SUBJECT:
Contract
Amendment with
C&E for RWS

Subject

Contract amendment with C&E Trenching for the project to upgrade the Regional Water System (RWS) pumping capacity and construct a flushing system.

Summary and Background

On April 27, 2015 the City Council awarded a contract to C&E Trenching LLC for construction of the water line and pump upgrades to service RWS water to the OSU Extension property. This project also included a switch from potable water to non-potable water going to Simplot. The contract price for this work was \$1.1 million.

As we have been working with the Northeast Oregon Water Association (NOWA) and local growers to help facilitate drawing more water from the Columbia River to increase crop production in our area another project has come forward. This project is the following:

- The installation of an additional pump in the RWS River intake station.
- The construction of a basin with the requisite piping to create a flush system for the RWS.

This project is part of the work being done to certify the Port of Umatilla's water right that supplies the RWS. This effort along with the overall effort to bring more water supply to the Umatilla basin is very time sensitive.

Because of the timing of all of all of these things, amending the existing contract with C&E Trenching is the most expeditious. C&E is under contract to do similar work and are interested in doing the additional work. They have done a good job and we are comfortable contracting with them for the additional work.

Prior to bringing this proposal to the Council, the idea was reviewed by City Attorney Gary Luisi. He reviewed the contracts and the applicable Oregon laws. He felt like this process was legal.

Fiscal Information

The grant funding available to the project is \$664,000. Since this additional work is approximately 60% of the original contract, we have brought this amendment back to you for approval.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Approve Contract Amendment No. 1 to C&E Trenching.
 - a. This alternative allows the City to increase capacity in the RWS for water right certification and then future use in the shortest time frame.

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2. Do not approve Contract Amendment No. 1 to C&E Trenching.
 - a. This alternative would drastically slow down efforts to certify the Port's water right and assist in the bringing of more Columbia River water to the Umatilla basin.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the selection of Alternative #1 to authorize the City Manager's signature on Contract Amendment No. 1.

Requested Action/Motion

Motion to authorize as proposed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bryan Davis".

City Manager Approval