



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2018  
10 A.M.**

**CITY HALL ROTUNDA, 200 LINCOLN AVENUE  
SALINAS, CALIFORNIA 93901**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Scheduled Items**

*Receive Staff report, Directors' questions, public comments, Directors' comments and consider Board action on each of the following items.*

- a) Direct Staff to Negotiate Scope of Work and Agreement with Hydrometrics WRI to complete Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Salinas Valley Basin.

**5. Adjournment**

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The meeting agenda was posted on February 20, 2018 at [www.svbgsa.org](http://www.svbgsa.org), at the City Clerk's Office, in the City Hall Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, CA 93901 and at Monterey County Offices, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA.



### STAFF REPORT

**AGENCY MEETING DATE:** February 22, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4a

**SUBJECT:** Selection of Consulting Firm to Provide Groundwater Sustainability Planning Services.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Direct Staff to Negotiate Scope of Work and Agreement with Hydrometrics WRI to complete Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Salinas Valley Basin.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In the fall of 2014 the California legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), that initially became effective on January 1, 2015. The purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local GSA’s with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary, to sustainably manage groundwater.

In order to accomplish this SGMA required the designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources. SGMA also required that the Basin have a designated GSA by no later than June 30, 2017, and an adopted GSP by no later than January 31, 2020, if a high or medium priority basin in critical overdraft, and no later than January 31, 2022, if a high or medium priority basin;

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The SVBGSA has succeeded in developing a GSA, establishing boundaries, creating an organizational infrastructure and applying for a Proposition 1. Grant that will provide funding to develop a GSP. With that in mind staff distributed an RFQ to begin the process of acquiring a Consultant who can best provide services to the SVBGSA to develop a GSP for the Salinas Basin and the seven (7) sub-basins that require these plans.

Staff distributed the RFQ through a variety of, list serves, emails and publication on the SVBGSA web page. Five parties registered as receiving the RFQ so they could receive updates or addendums.

Two qualified responses were received. Interestingly four of the five initial registrants formed a partnership on a single submittal. A committee of “readers” rated the two proposals for completeness and ability to complete the project. Interviews were conducted, and a series of

supplementary questions were provided to the consulting firms to further determine their specific knowledge of the Salinas Valley. The unanimous decision by the selection committee was to work with Hydrometrics WRI to provide groundwater sustainability plans for the Salinas Basin.

Staff is requesting that the SVBGSA Board support this decision by directing staff to negotiate a scope of work and a consulting agreement that will be returned to your board for approval on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact in terms of negotiating a scope of work and an agreement. The agreement is expected to be before your Board in March.

**PREPARED BY:** Gary Petersen, General Manager