

SUBJECT: PAG Section 208 Consultant Services Contract for Regional Water Quality Management Planning

Meeting	Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
Regional Council	March 23, 2017	Consent Action	4b

REQUESTED ACTION/SUGGESTED MOTION

The Regional Council will be asked to authorize the Executive Director to award and execute a contract for PAG’s 208 Consultant Services.

ASSOCIATED OWP WORK ELEMENT/GOAL

Section 11 Regional Integrated Watershed Planning: 208 Plan Update Consultant Services, as needed.

SUMMARY

As the Designated Planning Agency, PAG conducts and coordinates regional water quality management planning for the prevention of water pollution in accordance with Section 208 of the Federal Clean Water Act. PAG is required to update the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan every 5 years or as needed to fulfill mandatory designated watershed planning responsibilities. The most recent Plan was created in 2006 and since that time changes have included Amendments to the Plan for new wastewater facilities and new Designated Management Areas. PAG plans to update, streamline and modernize the 208 Plan.

PAG staff have created a Scope of Work for the PAG 208 Plan update (attached). The guiding principles are to:

- Develop procedures for streamlining the PAG 208 Plan Amendment process.
- Verify and update obsolete information in the PAG 2006 AWQMP including new 208 Plan Amendment information.
- To save PAG, DMAs and private stakeholders time by easing navigation and increasing efficiency through the 208 Plan Amendment process.
- To make clear the value of a regional planning process and municipal coordination which has steps to ensure stakeholder agreements are in place, reducing surprises or conflicts later.

The Designated Management Agencies of the Town of Marana, Town of Sahuarita and Pima County assisted PAG in reviewing applications submitted in response to PAG’s Invitation for Statements of Qualifications to 5 Consultants on the Pima County Qualified Consultants list. Westland Resources ranked highest and has quoted a fee of \$93,691. Once the consultant contract is approved, the effort is anticipated to span through a 10-month planning, engagement, review and approval process.

PRIOR BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION

Initiation of the 208 Plan Update approved in the OWP FY 16-17 with consultant services of \$25,000 for current fiscal year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Completion of the 208 Plan Update requested in the OWP FY 17-18 with consultant services of \$100,000 for next fiscal year.

TECHNICAL, POLICY, LEGAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None.

ATTACHED ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION

- Contract
- Scope of Work
- Budget Summary Table

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