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Agenda Report

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Agenda Item No: 19.

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SUBJECT:

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT AUTHORITY (SCCWRP)

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. OCSD 20-04 entitled, "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District approving the Tenth Amended Joint Powers Agreement confirming the creation of the agency known as Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority (SCCWRP), providing for continuation of SCCWRP for five years from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026"; and
- B. Approve annual funding in the amount of \$515,000 for FY 2021/22; \$530,450 for FY 2022/23; \$546,363 for FY 2023/24; \$562,754 for FY 2024/25; and \$579,637 for FY 2025/26.

BACKGROUND

The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority (SCCWRP) is a research institute formed in 1969 as a Joint Powers agency (JPA). The JPA agreement results from the signatory agencies, the Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District), the City of Los Angeles, the City of San Diego, and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, pooling resources to address the scientific understanding of linkages among human activities, natural events, and the health of the Southern California coastal environment. This Agreement provides for the continuation of SCCWRP, a public entity separate and apart from the Signatories. The item is being brought forward now due to the necessary approvals and signature compilations of each agency.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, resource recovery and watershed agencies
- Leverage resources through cooperative projects with regional agencies in marine monitoring and improvements in environmental analysis

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

The Sanitation District would cease to be a member of SCCWRP and no longer be a participant in coordinated regional studies, benefit directly from SCCWRP research studies, and would no longer have direct access to open discussions with regulatory staff.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

April 2016 - Approve Resolution No. OCSD 16-06, Ninth Amended Joint Powers Agreement confirming the creation of an agency known as Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Sanitation District is a founding member of SCCWRP and has held continuous membership since its inception. SCCWRP membership provides three major benefits to the Sanitation District: 1) SCCWRP is an unbiased regional provider for research focused on areas of concern of its members agencies and the environmental community at large, 2) SCCWRP coordinates regional studies and inter-agency collaborations for its members, such as the quinquennial Bight projects, and 3) SCCWRP provides a forum where regulators and the regulated community can engage in open and productive dialog to address areas of concern or compliance issues, involving current and future permit requirements to achieve the goals of both agencies.

CEQA

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This request complies with authority levels of the Sanitation District's Purchasing Ordinance. This item has been budgeted.

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) may be viewed on-line at the OCSD website (www.ocsd.com) with the complete agenda package:

- Resolution No. OCSD 20-04
- SCCWRP Tenth Amended Joint Powers Agreement