



Watsonville
CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 24, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR FONTES
RECOMMENDED BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE ON CALL ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SERVICES AND INCREASING COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 AND EXTENDING THE TERM TO JUNE 30, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to Contract with Harris & Associates, Inc. for on-call engineering and development review services, increasing compensation by \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$350,000 and extending the Contract term to June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

On June 25, 2024, the Council adopted Resolution No. 115-24 (CM) awarding a consultant contract for one year to Harris & Associates, Inc., for on-call engineering and development review services, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

The Public Works & Utilities Department's Engineering Division continues to be in need of staff augmentation support due to vacant positions causing unbalanced workloads resulting in delays in active and future development projects.

DISCUSSION:

The search for qualified candidates to fill the vacancies has not yielded any results and it is not expected that they will be filled.

Amending the contract with Harris & Associates, Inc. will prevent delays to active and future development projects and continue to ease the workload on City Staff. The First Amendment to Contract with Harris &

Associates, Inc., for on-call engineering services and development review services increases the compensation by \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$350,000 and extends the term to June 30, 2026. Staff recommend the First Amendment to Contract with Harris & Associates, Inc. for on-call engineering services and development review services be approved.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

No additional California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review is required for the Contract Amendment with Harris & Associates. On June 25, 2024, the City Council declared the On-Call Engineering and Development Review Services as exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5), as it does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project". Further, the approval of the First Amendment to Contract for On-Call Engineering and Development Review Services is an administrative activity that would not have the potential to either (1) cause a direct physical change in the environment, or (2) cause a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, no CEQA action is required at this time.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goals:

2-Infrastructure & Environment

3-Housing

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with this contract are paid for by developer fees for each specific project, as appropriate.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

Not approving the amendment would place an additional burden on City staff and slow the development review efforts which may cause delays.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

None.