CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

COUNCIL AGENDA: 9/24/19
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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Environmental Services	**CEQA:** Not a Project, File No. PP17-002, Consultant services for design, study, inspection, or other professional services with no commitment to future action.	**Coordination:** City Attorney's Office; City Manager's Budget Office The Treatment Plant Advisory Committee will consider this item on September 12, 2019	**Dept. Approval:** /s/ Kerrie Romanow
Council District(s): City-Wide			**CMO Approval:** 9-3-19

SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE EARTH GROUP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the First Amendment to the Master Agreement with Cornerstone Earth Group for environmental consulting services, increasing the amount of compensation by $500,000, for a total agreement not to exceed $1,000,000. No extension is being recommended on the term of the agreement, which expires on June 30, 2020.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

On April 25, 2017, Council awarded a Master Agreement for Consultant Services for environmental consulting services in the amount of $500,000 to Cornerstone Earth Group following a competitive procurement. The Environmental Services Department (ESD) has issued nineteen Service Orders under this agreement, totaling $466,466 for various projects, including groundwater monitoring and contamination investigations at the former Story Road Landfill, an underground tank removal and soil cleanup oversight for Del Monte Park, and a variety of projects at the Regional Wastewater Facility (RWF) including pre-project contamination investigations of CIP projects for Headworks, Filtration, Sludge Dewatering and Nitrification Clarifiers.

As one of the City's on-call environmental consultants for the past several years, Cornerstone Earth Group has obtained extensive knowledge of environmental conditions at the Story Road Landfill and the RWF. Their technical expertise provided to these projects, as well as numerous other environmental-related projects, are commensurate with the expertise necessary to continue providing environmental support services. Increasing the compensation on this Master Agreement will allow Cornerstone to continue to provide environmental consulting services for several critical projects in Fiscal Year 2019-20 including Story Road landfill monitoring and contamination investigations, RWF CIP pre-project soil and groundwater contamination investigations and RWF Legacy Biosolids closure plans and regulatory assistance. In addition, ESD provides environmental support to various City Departments. There is a strong likelihood that new projects will occur in the next fiscal year that will require the support of Cornerstone.

Increasing the maximum total compensation from $500,000 to $1,000,000 (with no change in term) of the Cornerstone Earth Group's Master Agreement will allow the City to continue to meet the regulatory requirements and ensure public safety in the most cost effective and timely manner.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

Services performed by Cornerstone under this agreement will be authorized by Service Orders. An appropriation is not required for execution of the Master Consultant Agreement, but is required for each Service Order authorized under this agreement. Future funding is subject to appropriation and, if needed, will be included in the development of future year budgets during the annual budget process.

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