

DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Don Pedro WWTP

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an agreement with Jones Hall, a professional law corporation, to provide legal services related to the formation of an assessment district and the issuance of bonds to finance the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant for Don Pedro, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement.

One of the projects Public Works is currently working on is a new wastewater treatment plant for Don Pedro. The USDA has obligated 4.5 million dollars in funds toward the project subject to meeting their letter of conditions. The Board approved an agreement with Wilson & Associates for assessment engineering services for the project. We now need legal services to ensure compliance with Proposition 218 requirements pertaining to the formation of assessment districts and the issuance of bonds for public improvements. We are requesting Board approval of the agreement with Jones Hall to provide these services. The cost of the legal services is recoverable through the USDA funds if the Proposition 218 assessment vote is positive.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board previously approved agreements with Jones Hall to provide similar legal services for the Compost Project as well as the Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the agreement and direct staff to obtain services from another law firm, which would delay moving forward on the project until a suitable law firm could be found.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes () No	Current FY Cost: \$55,000	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ 4,705,845		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ -0-		1. Proposed Agreement
Source:		
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 05-519 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved _____
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments: _____

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