



CEQA/NEPA Consultant Agreement

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Background on Anchor QEA



Anchor QEA is an environmental and engineering consulting firm that specializes in aquatic, shoreline, dredging/sediment management, water resource, permitting, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance projects.

Anchor QEA has consistently completed tasks for the Port under budget and in a timely manner.

Scope of Work



- Prepare CEQA and NEPA Documentation for Port Projects
- Prepare Regulatory Permit Application for Federal and State Agencies
- Continue support for the Simmons Island Habitat Restoration Project
- Port Maintenance Dredging Support Program
- Port Mitigation Concept Development and Permitting Support
- USACE Operations and Maintenance Dredging-related Support
- Grant Application Support
- Dredge Operations Plan Update
- Port Public Outreach Support
- Ongoing Strategic/Regulatory Support

Additional Scope of Work



- Preparing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the Rail Hardening Project, including an Environmental Assessment, National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 documentation, and Endangered Species Act documentation for the U.S. Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) review and processing. NEPA compliance is required by MARAD for accepting PIDP grant funds.
- Conducting planning efforts for a wetland preservation site on Spud Island to be used as future mitigation for Port projects.
- Conducting cultural resources surveys on the West Complex as mitigation for the rail bridge replacement project.
- Coordinating with Port staff on 2023 emergency dredging needed in the Stockton deep water ship channel and sediment trap.
- Conducting weekly water quality monitoring throughout the USACE's maintenance dredging of the Stockton deep water ship channel and sediment trap because USACE was unable to secure a water quality contractor in time to support the dredging efforts. Sampling began in July 2023 and is expected to continue into October. Port expects to be reimbursed for this expense from the USACE.
- Preparing and submitting permit applications and preparing a CEQA exemption for the Port's multi-year dock maintenance dredging program, including Dock 8. Permits are expected to be required in summer 2024.
- Preparing a sampling and analysis plan for sediment sampling to support the Port's multi-year dock maintenance dredging program and coordination with the RWQCB. Sediment sampling would occur in early 2024.
- Preparing a wetland delineation for wetlands on Spud Island.

Staff Recommendation



RECOMMENDATION

Port staff recommends that the Board of Port Commissioners authorize the Port Director to amend the contract with Anchor for a not-to-exceed amount of \$775,000.00 through December 2023. This will enable staff to continue to work in an efficient and cost effective manner with the regulatory agencies and meet all NEPA/CEQA requirements in a timely manner.



Phase 1 MS4 NPDES Program Support Consultant Agreement

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Background on MS4 NPDES Program Support



The contract is to provide support for the implementation of the Port's Phase I municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The services provided by the consultant involves NPDES permit compliance and general program oversight which includes annual reporting to State Water Resources Control Board, annual work plan, performance and effectiveness evaluation, storm water management plan, and permit renewal.

The Port issued an RFP in July 2022, the Port received one bidder, Compliance First/RBI.

Scope of Work



The consultant provides specific support for the following program elements:

- Construction program
- Commercial/industrial program
- Municipal program
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination program
- Storm water development standards
- Monitoring and reporting.

Additional Scope of Work



- Severe winter weather cause significant and unexpected cost overruns associated with increased oversight, maintenance and cleaning of the Port's storm drains and other facilities.
- Additional costs for increased storm water sampling events due to the storms.
- Increased inspections for tenant and Port projects along with additional Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Oversight of the initial landfill remediation project (Denmar) due to the storms.
- Bulk of work for the Port's MS4 NPDES Program occurs in late August, September and October and significant maintenance and repair activities on the Port's storm drain system occurs during this time period
- Expanded various storm water drainage features to accommodate increased storm water flows
- The Port has asked Compliance First to focus their efforts in October on upgrading materials used for BMPs for our storm water system to be prepared for weather conditions similar to last winter

Staff Recommendation



RECOMMENDATION

Port staff recommends that the Port Board of Commissioners authorize the Port Director to amend the contract with Compliance First/RBI for a not-to-exceed amount of \$900,000.00 through October 31, 2023.