

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ANDY GUSTAVSON, SENIOR PLANNER
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT F002144 – PLACEWORKS **(CONTINUED FROM
THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2020, REGULAR MEETING)**

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F002144 with PlaceWorks, Berkeley, California, to modify the 2050 General Plan Update Scope of Services to include a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy and to increase Compensation by \$99,909 for this additional service, for a total contracted amount not to exceed \$2,599,909.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The First Amendment of the 2050 General Plan Update PSA will allow PlaceWorks to prepare and fully integrate a qualified GHG Reduction Strategy within the general plan, for an additional amount of \$99,909. The Strategy will include GHG reduction targets for 2030 and 2050 consistent with AB 32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) GHG targets and other applicable State requirements. This approach will help to ensure the City will meet State GHG reduction requirements in an integrated and holistic manner and streamline climate change-related environmental review of future projects that are consistent with the updated 2050 General Plan and EIR. The project is related to Council's Tier 1, Priority 3: [Implement Climate Action Plan](#).

BACKGROUND

1. In 2009, the Council adopted the current Santa Rosa 2035 General Plan. This plan states the City's long-term vision of community development and guides day-to-day decisions regarding housing and commercial development, infrastructure improvements and environmental protection including air quality. It also serves as the baseline environmental document to help streamline California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for private and public projects within the City.

2. In 2012, the Council adopted the City's existing Climate Action Plan to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels, or by 30%, by 2020 consistent with AB 32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006).
3. In 2015, the State set 2030 and 2040 GHG reduction targets of 40% and 80%, respectively, to stave off the worst impacts of climate change.
4. On August 13, 2019, the Council authorized PED to prepare a comprehensive update of the 2035 General Plan and EIR. Consultant project proposals for 2050 Santa Rosa General Plan and Environmental Impact Report were reviewed in December 2019,
5. On January 29, 2020, the Council's CAP Subcommittee directed staff to consider a coordinated update of the CAP with the General Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report.
6. On March 3, 2020, the Council authorized the PSA with PlaceWorks to complete the 2050 Santa Rosa General Plan and Environmental Impact Report. The PSA did not, however, include consultant services to update the City's CAP nor did it include services to prepare a qualified GHG Reduction Strategy. The cost to complete the Project is paid by the Advance Planning fund.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

At the time Council approved the PSA in March of 2020 staff was evaluating how best to implement the CAP Subcommittee recommendation to integrate the CAP update with the Project.

ANALYSIS

PlaceWorks will prepare the General Plan Update to include all components of a qualified GHG Reduction Strategy as outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5(b). The City currently has a Climate Action Plan that complies with CEQA Guidelines through 2020. Rather than prepare a separate update to the 2012 CAP to extend its applicability to 2030 and beyond, the requested amendment would allow PlaceWorks to integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation into the Project. When completed, the 2050 General Plan will serve as the City's comprehensive strategy to reduce GHG emissions citywide from existing and new community and municipal sources of emissions through 2050 with a path to sustain or reduce emissions as needed beyond 2050. It will include specific GHG reduction targets for 2030 and 2050 consistent with Senate Bill 32 GHG targets and other applicable State requirements as well as goals and strategies for GHG reductions.

The Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy will be prepared consistent with CEQA Guidelines 15183.5 to:

- a) Quantify greenhouse gas emissions, both existing and projected through 2030 and 2050.
- b) Establish a level, based on substantial evidence, below which the contribution to GHG emissions from activities covered by the plan would not be cumulatively considerable.
- c) Identify and analyze the GHG resulting from specific actions or categories of actions anticipated within the city.
- d) Provide specific measures or groups of measures, including performance standards, that substantial evidence demonstrates, if implemented on a project-by-project basis, would collectively achieve the specified emission levels.
- e) Establish a mechanism to monitor the plan's progress toward achieving the level and to require amendment if the plan is not achieving specified levels
- f) Be adopted in a public process following environmental review.

Preparing the General Plan in this manner and including a comprehensive approach to climate change mitigation and adaptation will allow the City to meet State GHG reduction requirements in an integrated and holistic manner. This approach also provides the opportunity for the General Plan to incorporate implementation-focused measures that will help to streamline future climate change-related environmental review of new projects that are consistent with the 2050 General Plan and EIR.

An updated General Plan integrating GHG reduction will provide a robust, transparent, and cost-effective approach to complying with State GHG reduction and climate adaptation requirements, as well as continuing the City's existing commitment to climate action.

The Advance Plan Fee account, which funds the PlaceWorks PSA (\$2,500,000), has enough funds to pay the additional services (\$99,909) to prepare the Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy. Accordingly, no new General Fund resources are needed to accommodate this amendment request.

FISCAL IMPACT

The source of funds for this Agreement, including the requested amendment, and City staff costs related to the General Plan is Advance Planning fees collected with building permits. Advanced Planning fees have already been appropriated to the Department's FY 20/21 budget, and no further funds are needed at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the

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environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A – First Amendment

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