

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Darlene Velez, Office Chief, Water Resources

THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources

DATE: July 31, 2019

RE: Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis for Fiscal Year 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interagency Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District to provide surface and groundwater laboratory analyses for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.

BACKGROUND

The District has operated a network of surface and groundwater sites for hydrologic and water quality monitoring since the late 1970s. In January 2014, the District entered into an agreement with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) that allows the District to utilize SJRWMD's environmental water quality laboratory for routine analyses and a limited number of additional analyses. The District and SJRWMD have renewed this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) each year. The District has benefited from this relationship due to significantly lower cost, greater number of analytes per sample, and rigorous quality assurance and control analyses. Using SJRWMD's laboratory ensures data comparability across the resources shared by the two Districts.

The new agreement will be the same as the previous MOA. The compensation to SJRWMD for the routine water analysis will stay the same at \$20,000 per quarter for a total of \$80,000.00, with an additional \$15,000 in contingency funds for additional unanticipated new project and emergency sampling. District staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a one-year interagency agreement with SJRWMD for laboratory analysis from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Funding for this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Tentative Budget under code 01-6-930-2-1200-33-11 and is contingent upon approval of the final FY 2020 budget.

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