



**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**



**California Energy Commission
July 26, 2023 Business Meeting
Backup Materials for Agenda Item No 03e:
Aspen Environmental Group**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available in this PDF packet as listed below:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Contract Amendment Request Form

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STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: Aspen Environmental Group

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves amendment 2 to contract 700-22-004 with Aspen Environmental Group to increase the agreement's budget by \$800,000 to support additional work related to offshore wind and complimentary battery storage to ensure local benefits including enhanced reliability and resilience. This contract provides professional engineering and environmental services to support the state's environmental, conservation, engineering, infrastructure, economic, and land use planning activities in terrestrial, coastal, and marine environments; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on July 26, 2023.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated:

Kristine Banaag
Secretariat



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CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM (CARF)

CEC-276 (Revised 12/2019)

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Original Agreement # 700-22-004 Amendment # 02

Division	Agreement Manager:	MS-	Phone
700 Siting Transmission Environmental Pro	Sharon Purewal	16	916-897-3616

Recipient's Legal Name	Federal ID #
Aspen Environmental Group	95-4337914

Revisions: (check all that apply)	Additional Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Term Extension New End Date: / /	Include revised schedule and complete items A, B, C, D, & H below.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Augmentation Amendment Amount: \$ 800,000	Include revised budget and complete items A, B, C, D, E, F, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Reallocation	Include revised budget and complete items A, B, C, D, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work Revision	Include revised scope of work and complete items A, B, C, D, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in Project Location or Demonstration Site	Include revised scope of work and complete items A, B, C, D, G, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> DVBE Replacement	Include revised scope of work and complete items A, B, C, D, F & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Novation/Name Change of Prime Recipient	Include novation documentation and complete items A, B, D, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Terms and Conditions Modification	Include applicable exhibits with bold/underline/ strikeout and complete items A, B, C, D & H below.

A) Business Meeting Information**Business Meeting approval is not required for the following types of Agreements:**☐ Minor amendments delegated to Executive Director per December 2013 ResolutionProposed Business Meeting Date 7 / 26 / 2023 ☒ Consent ☐ Discussion

Business Meeting Presenter Time Needed: minutes

Please select one list serve. Select

Agenda Item Subject and Description:

Aspen Environmental Group. Proposed resolution approving amendment 2 to contract 700-22-004 with Aspen Environmental Group to increase the agreement's budget by \$800,000 to support additional work related to offshore wind and complimentary battery storage to ensure local benefits including enhanced reliability and resilience. This contract provides professional engineering and environmental



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services to support the state's environmental, conservation, engineering, infrastructure, economic, and land use planning activities in terrestrial, coastal, and marine environments. (General Fund Funding) Contact: Sharon Purewal

B) Amendment Justification (For contract amendments only)

- ☐ Non Competitive Bid (Attach DGS-GSPD-09-007) <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Forms>
☒ Exempt Select Exemption (see instructions)

C) List all subcontractors (major and minor) and equipment vendors: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Legal Company Name:	Budget
See attached	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00

D) List all key partners: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Legal Company Name:

E) Budget Information (only include amendment amount information)

Funding Source	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List Number	Amount
General Fund	21/22	700.128NC	\$800,000
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$
Funding Source			\$

R&D Program Area: Select Program Area TOTAL: \$ 800,000.00

Explanation for "Other" selection

Reimbursement Contract #:

Federal Agreement #:

F) Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program (DVBE)

- ☐ Exempt (Interagency/Other Government Entity)
- ☒ Meets DVBE Requirements DVBE Amount:\$_____ DVBE %: 3%
 - ☐ Contractor is Certified DVBE
 - ☒ Contractor is Subcontracting with a DVBE: Blackhawk Environmental Inc.
- ☐ Contractor selected through CMAS or MSA with no DVBE participation
- ☐ Requesting DVBE Exemption (attach CEC 95)

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM (CARF)****G) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance**

- 1 Is Agreement considered a "Project" under CEQA?

☐ Yes (skip to question 2) ☒ No (complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378)):

Explain why Agreement is not considered a "Project":

Agreement will not cause direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because activities will only include data gathering, research, analysis, report writing, map making, and policy development and planning.

- 2 If Agreement is considered a "Project" under CEQA:

c) ☐ Agreement **IS** exempt.

☐ Statutory Exemption. List PRC and/or CCR section number:

☐ Categorical Exemption. List CCR section number:

☐ Common Sense Exemption. 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3) Explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section:

d) ☐ Agreement **IS NOT** exempt. (consult with the legal office to determine next steps)

Check all that apply

☐ Initial Study

☐ Negative Declaration

☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration

☐ Environmental Impact Report

☐ Statement of Overriding Considerations

H) The following items should be attached to this CARF (as applicable)

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| 1. Exhibit A, Scope of Work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 2. Exhibit B, Budget Detail | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 3. DGS-GSPD-09-007, NCB Request | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 4. CEC 95. DVBE Exemption Request | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 5. CEQA Documentation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 6. Novation Documentation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 7. CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached |

Agreement Manager

Date

Office Manager

Date

Deputy Director

Date

700-22-004
STEP Planning Support
Subcontractor List

Business Name

- Applied EarthWorks, Inc.
- Applied Marine Sciences
- Arellano Associates, LLC
- Big Language Solutions, LLC
- Black Eagle Consulting, Inc.
- Blackhawk Environmental Inc.
- Boudreau Associates LLC
- Catalyst Environmental Solutions
- Conservation Biology Institute, Inc
- Creation-Z, Inc. dba 3DSCAPE
- Board of Regents Nevada System of Higher Education, dba Desert Research Institute
- EDM Services, Inc.
- Fehr & Peers
- Guidehouse Inc.
- Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
- Triple HS, Inc dba HT Harvey & Associates
- Hydrofocus, Inc.
- Katin Engineering Consulting
- Kearns & West, Inc.
- Mead and Hunt, Inc.
- Michael B Clayton and Associates, a Law Corporation
- Moffatt & Nichol
- NetCentric Technologies
- Oregon State
- Pacific Legacy, Incorporated
- Peter Raimondi
- RCH Group, Inc
- Resource Systems Group, Inc.
- Risk Sciences Group
- Rod Walker & Associates Consultancy, Inc.
- Schatz Energy Research Center
- Spectrus, Ltd
- Steven Hackett, PhD
- Tatsumi and Partners, Inc.
- West Peak Energy, LLC
- WJV Acoustics, Inc.
- Xodus Group, Inc.