

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Phase II Technical Review  
**DATE:** January 21, 2003

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to direct staff to contract with Todd Engineers to perform technical review of the Phase II Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Study.

**FACTS:**

1. The City's water resource strategy includes continued involvement in regional projects affecting the City's water resource accessibility. For example, the City was highly involved with the County staff and other representatives during the Phase I Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Study (published in August 2002).
2. The County recently authorized the continued study of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, rehiring Fugro/Cleath as the team to perform groundwater modeling in the Phase II analysis. The County staff welcomes the City to participate in the Phase II Technical Review Committee (TRC) that will be assembled.

**ANALYSIS  
AND**

**CONCLUSION:** The City could engage the services of a water resources expert to assist staff with the Phase II Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Study about to commence. The County offered that the City, and others, could provide representatives to assemble a TRC during the Phase I study, and the City relied upon Todd Engineers (specifically, Iris Priestaf) to provide technical review and comment on the City's behalf. The City's staff and Mayor were pleased and impressed with Ms. Priestaf's involvement. The City is now invited to participate in the Phase II TRC.

As described by County staff, the work in Phase II of the study relies substantially on the analysis and conclusions reached in Phase I. Because of the similarity in the study Phase I and Phase II issues, particularly the technical issues (geology, hydrology and hydrogeology) staff provides the option to Council to choose Todd Engineers as the Phase II expert to assist the City on the study TRC. Iris Priestaf, recently named company President, will personally remain the expert available for the TRC meetings and reviews. This involvement is very beneficial to City, providing for review on a major study with the City's interests in mind, and with the skills and experience to understand the complexity of a groundwater basin hydrologic model. While staff will also represent City interests in the TRC, Todd Engineers involvement is needed because of their academic and practical expertise in this specialized, technical subject.

**POLICY  
REFERENCE:** None

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:** Todd Engineers estimates their costs for the Phase II TRC involvement will be \$28,200. This cost was not anticipated in the FY03 budget, since the Phase II study was just authorized by the County within the past few months, and was not a planned project when the City's budget was formed. The City Council could appropriate \$30,000 from the Water Fund to account number 600.310.5224.468 to fund this project. The Water Fund has sufficient funds available for this expense.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. (1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-xx to appropriate \$30,000 to Budget Account No. 600-310-5224-468 from the Water Enterprise Fund; and
  - (2) Direct staff to enter a Service Agreement with Todd Engineers for a not-to-exceed price of \$28,200 to represent the City on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Phase II Study Technical Review Committee.
  - b. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments (2)

- (1) Todd Engineer's estimate (letter dated December 20, 2002)
- (2) Resolution 03-xx

RESOLUTION NO. 02-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
APPROPRIATING \$30,000 TO BUDGET ACCOUNT NO. 600-310-5224-468 FROM THE WATER  
ENTERPRISE FUND; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO ENTER A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
TODD ENGINEERS FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE OF \$28,200 TO REPRESENT THE CITY  
ON THE PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN PHASE II STUDY  
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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WHEREAS, the City's water resource strategy includes continued involvement in regional projects affecting the City's water resource accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the County recently authorized the continued study of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, rehiring Fugro/Cleath as the team to perform groundwater modeling in the Phase II analysis.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby appropriate \$30,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund to Budget Account No. 600.310.5224.468.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby direct staff to enter a Service Agreement with Todd Engineers for a not-to-exceed price of \$28,200 to represent the City on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Phase II Study Technical Review Committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2003 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk