



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001144

MEETING DATE: 05/19/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: OC Public Works

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Amanda Carr, 714-955-0601
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SUBJECT: Renew Sole Source Contract for Orange County Stormwater Tools Maintenance

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION
		3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A	Current Year Cost: N/A	Annual Cost: FY 2026-27 \$340,376 FY 2027-28 \$341,308
Staffing Impact: No	Funding Source: See Financial Impact Section	Sole Source: Yes
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A		County Audit in Last 3 years: No

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Completed? Yes

Prior Board Action: 6/27/2023 #63

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment One to renew the Sole Source contract with Environmental Science Associates for Orange County Stormwater Tools Maintenance and Support Services, effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$681,684, for a cumulative amount not to exceed \$1,643,124.

SUMMARY:

Approval of Amendment One to renew the Sole Source contract for Orange County Stormwater Tools Maintenance and Support Services will ensure continued operation of the County of Orange's stormwater data platform to support regulatory compliance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits issued to the County of Orange (Orange) by the Santa Ana and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards require monitoring of stormwater runoff and the condition of receiving waters. The Regional MS4 Permit for South Orange County requires implementation of an adaptive management approach to evaluate the effectiveness of strategies addressing high priority water quality conditions and achieving regulatory compliance.

To support these requirements, the County utilizes the Orange County Stormwater Tools (OCST) platform, which provides a centralized system for data collection, analysis and reporting. OCST enables the County and municipalities in Orange County to track stormwater management efforts and make data-driven decisions to meet regulatory compliance. Orange County Stormwater Tools Maintenance and Support (Services) are required to maintain and enhance the OCST platform, including web hosting, technical support and system updates. These Services support complex regulatory and operational requirements and are critical to maintaining system functionality and data integrity. The cost of these Services is shared among the MS4 permittees in accordance with established cost-sharing agreements.

The initial contract was a Sole Source contract. Environmental Science Associates (Contractor) developed and maintains the OCST platform and possesses specialized knowledge of its architecture, functionality and regulatory application. The OCST is an open-source platform that has been configured specifically to meet the County’s MS4 permit compliance requirements. Due to the Contractor’s familiarity with the complexities of the OCST platform, transitioning to a new contractor would require significant time and resources and disrupt ongoing regulatory compliance efforts. Continued use of the Contractor ensures system continuity, minimizes risk and avoids delays in data reporting and analysis.

During the initial procurement, an analysis was conducted to evaluate providing these Services internally. While OCIT has experience with web-based platforms, developing and maintaining a comparable in-house platform would require a significantly higher investment of staff resources and time to replicate the specialized functionality required for regulatory compliance.

On June 27, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved Sole Source Contract MA-080-23011388 (Contract) with the Contractor for Services for a three-year term. The current Contract expires on June 30, 2026. A renewal is required to ensure continuity of Services.

Effective Dates	Requested Amount	Usage as of April 2026	Notes
7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026	\$961,440	\$940,637	Current term.
7/1/2026 - 6/30/2028	\$681,684 (\$1.643 million cumulative)	N/A	Proposed two-year renewal.

The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this renewal. The Contractor’s performance has been confirmed as satisfactory. OC Public Works has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to Contractor’s ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests.

An analysis was completed to verify the contract provides County with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services in accordance with the law.

OC Public Works recommends Board approval of Amendment One to renew the Sole Source Contract with the Contractor for Services, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, in amount not to exceed \$681,684, for a cumulative total amount not to exceed \$1,643,124.

This Contract does not currently include subcontractors or pass through to other providers. See Attachment B for Contract Summary Form.

Compliance with CEQA: This action is not a project within the meaning of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA, since it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The approval of

this agenda item does not commit the County to a definite course of action in regard to a project since this is an approval of a Contract for continued operation of the County of Orange's stormwater data platform to support regulatory compliance. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any individual, specific work authorized pursuant to future agreements will be reviewed for compliance with CEQA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations and revenues for the Sole Source Contract will be included in the FY 2026-2027 Recommended Budget and will be included in the budgeting process for future years.

Funding for the Services is shared among the 36 Permittees. Cost sharing is as follows:

- Fund 400, OC Flood 10%
- Fund 100, Budget Control 034 80.6% (75.9% MS4 Permittee Cities and 4.7% Budget Control 034 GF)
- Fund 115, OC Road 4.7%
- Fund 405, OC Parks 4.7%

The Sole Source Contract is contingent upon funding availability. In the event funding is reduced or terminated, the County may renegotiate the level of services and/or terminate the Sole Source Contract without penalty.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - Amendment One to Contract MA-080-23011388 with Environmental Science Associates
- Attachment B - Contract Summary Form