



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001067

MEETING DATE: 05/19/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors and Orange County Flood Control District

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: OC Public Works

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Justin Golliher, 714-667-1675
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SUBJECT: Approve Contracts for Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services

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

Budgeted: Yes	Current Year Cost: \$706,204	Annual Cost: FY 2026-27 \$5,994,526 FY 2027-28 \$6,010,949 FY 2028-29 \$5,288,321
Staffing Impact: No	Funding Source: See Financial Impact	Sole Source: No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A	Section	County Audit in Last 3 years: No
Levine Act Review Completed? Yes		
Prior Board Action: N/A		

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with PSOMAS for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
2. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with ICF Environmental, Inc. for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
3. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
4. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with LSA Associates, Inc. for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

5. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with Chambers Group, Inc. for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
6. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with RECON Environmental, Inc. for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
7. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with Moffatt & Nichol for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
8. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with DUDEK for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
9. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
10. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with ECORP Consulting, Inc. for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
11. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with Environmental Science Associates for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
12. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a contract with Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

SUMMARY:

Approval of contracts for Architect-Engineer Task Order Regulatory Permitting & Restoration Services will provide timely access to specialized services needed in support of completing public works projects and will support expediting the completion of ongoing and future business needs for various County of Orange and Orange County Flood Control District projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Architect-Engineer (A-E) Task Order Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services (Services) support the County of Orange (County) in delivering capital improvement, rehabilitation and maintenance projects, including those listed on OC Public Works 7-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that was approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on May 20, 2025. Many of the projects are time sensitive due to facilities reaching the end of their useful life expectancy and needing repair and rehabilitation, while other projects are driven by safety, government code or regulatory permitting requirements. Services would also be utilized to deliver projects for other County departments, including OC Waste and Recycling and OC Community Resources – OC Parks.

County projects within creeks, flood control channels, natural habitats and coastal areas require regulatory approval and CEQA review. Services include preparation of permit applications to state and federal resource agencies, jurisdictional and cultural delineations, regulatory compliance, ecological surveys, avoidance and minimization measures, habitat mitigation and monitoring plans and other supporting technical documentation, including CEQA consultation and document preparation. Services require expertise in state and federal laws, regulations and permitting

processes administered by agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, California Coastal Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

Services also include preparation of biological resources reports, focused surveys for sensitive and endangered species, environmental awareness training for construction personnel and on-site biological monitoring for flood control, road and bridge projects to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. In addition, Services support habitat restoration and mitigation efforts, including site preparation, grading, planting and maintenance.

The current contracts for Services were approved by the Board on December 15, 2020, for a three-year term and renewed on September 26, 2023, for an additional two-year term. These contracts were subsequently administratively extended for one year to complete existing contract task orders only and will expire on December 14, 2026. New contracts are required to continue Services and issue new task orders.

On July 23, 2025, OC Public Works issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to establish a Qualified Vendor List for Services. The RFQ was advertised through September 2, 2025, on the County online bidding system. Seventeen Statements of Qualifications were received. The Orange County Preference Policy was not applicable to this solicitation.

On October 27, 2025, the evaluation panel, composed of representatives from OC Public Works, OC Community Resources and OC Waste and Recycling completed the written evaluation process and identified the most qualified contractors. A summary of the evaluation results is included in the Memorandum of Recommendation (Attachment O).

Section 3.4-108 of the 2026 Contract Policy Manual (CPM) requires that evaluation ranking results for task order-based contracts be presented to the Board, with subsequent Board selection of contractors and delegation of authority to the County Procurement officer or Deputized designee to negotiate and execute contracts. The recommended contracts deviate from this provision as the procurement process was conducted in accordance with the 2024 CPM and the contract terms have already been negotiated. Board approval of the recommended contracts will allow OC Public Works to proceed without reinitiating the procurement process while maintaining consistency with the intent of the CPM.

OC Public Works is recommending Board approval of contracts for Services, effective for a three-year term upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million per contract, for a cumulative total amount not to exceed \$18 million, with the following contractors:

Contractor	Contract Number (Contracts)
PSOMAS	MA-080-26010980
ICF Environmental, Inc.	MA-080-26010981
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	MA-080-26010982
LSA Associates, Inc.	MA-080-26010983
Chambers Group, Inc.	MA-080-26010984
RECON Environmental, Inc.	MA-080-26010985
Moffatt & Nichol	MA-080-26010986
DUDEK	MA-080-26010987
Michael Baker International, Inc.	MA-080-26010988
ECORP Consulting, Inc.	MA-080-26010989
Environmental Science Associates	MA-080-26010990
Helix Environmental Planning, Inc.	MA-080-26010991

The number and selection of consultants reflects the County’s diverse need for a broad range of specialized expertise in regulatory permitting and habitat restoration. Based on the CIP, regulatory and restoration support are anticipated for at least 9 flood projects, 14 road projects, 2 bike projects and 20 OC Parks Projects, in addition to at least 22 maintenance improvement projects and ongoing management of more than 55 mitigation sites totaling over 400 acres Countywide. Any Task Orders exceeding \$1 million will require a Board notification prior to issuance.

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

The Contractors' license numbers were verified as current and active through the Department of Consumer Affairs database on February 26, 2026. A copy of the verification is on file.

OC Public Works has conducted due diligence on the Contractors. Reference checks were satisfactory and were completed with the following regarding similar Services:

Contractor	Reference	Reference	Reference
PSOMAS	Irvine Ranch Water District	City of Newport Beach	Transportation Corridor Agencies
ICF Environmental, Inc.	Riverside County	Orange County Transportation Authority	California Department of Transportation
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	Southern California Edison	Los Angeles County	San Diego Association of Governments
LSA Associates, Inc.	Irvine Ranch Water District	City of Long Beach	Los Angeles County
Chambers Group, Inc.	Los Angeles County	Sea Summit at Marblehead Homeowner’s Association	City of Newport Beach
RECON Environmental, Inc.	Orange County Transportation Authority	San Diego County, Public Utilities Department	San Diego County, Water Authority
Moffatt & Nichol	Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy	City of Newport Beach	City of Huntington Beach
DUDEK	Coastal Corridor Alliance	City of Laguna Beach	City of Oceanside
Michael Baker International, Inc.	City of Yorba Linda	City of Riverside	University of California, Irvine
ECORP Consulting, Inc.	Los Angeles County	California Department of Parks and Recreation	PlaceWorks Inc.
Environmental Science Associates	Milan Capital Management	United States Army Corps of Engineers	Irvine Ranch Water District
Helix Environmental Planning, Inc.	Riverside County	Moulton Niguel Water District	City of Irvine

The Contracts include subcontractors. See Attachment M for Contract Summary Forms.

Compliance with CEQA: This action is not a project within the meaning of 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 regarding a project since it is an approval for Regulatory Permitting and Restoration Services for potential future projects that are not yet known. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any future action connected to this approval that constitutes a project will be reviewed for compliance with CEQA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for the Contracts are included in the FY 2025-26 Budget for the following funds and will be included in the budgeting process for future years.

Fund 115, OC Road	25%
Fund 174, OC Road Capital Improvement Program	25%
Fund 400, OC Flood	25%
Fund 401, OC Flood Capital Improvement Program	25%

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

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - Contract MA-080-26010980 with PSOMAS
- Attachment B - Contract MA-080-26010981 with ICF Environmental, Inc.
- Attachment C - Contract MA-080-26010982 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
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- Attachment G - Contract MA-080-26010986 with Moffatt & Nichol
- Attachment H - Contract MA-080-26010987 with DUDEK
- Attachment I - Contract MA-080-26010988 with Michael Baker International, Inc.
- Attachment J - Contract MA-080-26010989 with ECORP Consulting, Inc
- Attachment K - Contract MA-080-26010990 with Environmental Science Associates
- Attachment L - Contract MA-080-26010991 with Helix Environmental Planning, Inc.
- Attachment M - Contract Summary Forms
- Attachment N - Evaluation Ranking Summary
- Attachment O - Memorandum of Recommendation
- Attachment P - Summary of Evaluators Scoring