



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Jim Arndt, Director of Public Works
Dana Greenwood, City Engineer
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DATE: September 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Agreement with Psomas for Design Services for the 2005-06 Sewer Main Replacement Project, not to exceed \$47,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve a contract agreement with Psomas to provide design services for the 2005-06 Sewer Main Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Consultant Design Services (not-to-exceed):	\$ 47,000
Topographic Survey Services:	\$ 22,000
Total Expenditures:	\$ 69,000
Current Fiscal Year Budget:	\$350,000
Available for Construction:	\$281,000

DISCUSSION:

Background

At its regularly-scheduled meeting of February 5, 2008 City Council passed a motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into professional services agreements with Willdan, Psomas, AAE, Inc., and RKA Consulting Group to provide as-needed engineering design services. These as-needed engineering design services would utilize previously budgeted funds from each project's account. Once a project was identified and the budget for the project approved by City Council, staff would forward copies of the project concept to two of the consultants on the list. The consultants would then develop a scope of services anticipated to complete the design phase of the project. Based on the hourly rates established in the master agreements, the consultants would also be able to propose a not-to-exceed fee. Staff would select one of the consultants based on the experience of the individual team members and the level of effort proposed, then recommend to City Council the selected consultant on an as-needed hourly basis with a not-to-

exceed fee.

Consultant Recommendation

The “Request for Engineering Design Services and Fees” was sent to Psomas and RKA Consulting Group. Based on its comprehensive approach, the project team assembled, and its significant experience with similar sewer system improvement projects, staff is recommending Psomas for the engineering design services contract for the project.

Staff has spoken with Psomas and is confident that they understand the project and are capable of completing the scope of work for the fee proposed.

Staff expects that the plans and specifications will be completed and ready for bidding by December 2008. A construction contract could then be awarded in April of 2009, with the construction completed in August of 2009.

xc: Henry Mitzner, Controller
Justin Gervais, Wastewater Supervisor