



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Douglas Schulze, City Manager

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MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2024-178, Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement (C00991) with Aragon Geotechnical, Inc. for Surface Mining Inspection Services to Extend the Contract for an Additional Year and Increase the Contract by \$6,082.50 for a Total Not to Exceed \$12,165

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2024-178.

BACKGROUND:

In 2020, the City of Banning issued a Request for Proposals (RFP No. 20-029) to provide the City's Community Development Department with surface mining inspection services. The City selected and contracted with Aragon Geotechnical, Inc., a Nevada Corporation, to provide this service as follows:

- On January 25, 2021, the City and Aragon Geotechnical, Inc. entered into a contract (C00677) for Professional Services for \$6,082.50 for up to 5 years.
- In 2022, the City amended the contract (C00677) agreement to increase the contract sum by \$6,082.50 to a total contract sum of \$12,165.00 ("Amendment No. 1"), expiring January 24, 2023.
- In 2023, the City amended the contract (C00677) agreement to increase the contract sum by \$6,082.50 to a total contract sum of \$18,247.50 ("Amendment No. 2"), which expired on January 24, 2024.
- In 2024, the City and Aragon Geotechnical, Inc. entered into a new contract (C00991) for a sum of \$6,082.50 with a total sum not to exceed \$24,330.00, expiring January 24, 2025.

The City now seeks to increase the new contract (C00991) by \$6,082.50 for a total contracted sum not to exceed \$30,412.50, to continue this service as contemplated by the total 5 years in the RFP. If Amendment No. 1 to C00991 is approved, the contract would expire on January 24, 2026.

JUSTIFICATION:

The current contract is set to expire on January 24, 2025, and extending this agreement will ensure ongoing compliance with safety standards and regulatory requirements. Aragon Geotechnical, Inc. has been providing mining inspection services since 2017. Their expertise has been critical in ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal regulations; conducting thorough inspections of mining operations to identify potential hazards; and providing recommendations for improvements to enhance safety and operational efficiency. Extending the term of the contract will ensure that inspections are conducted regularly and that the City remains compliant with all relevant regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the this amendment to the contract (C00991) would increase the contracted amount by \$6,082.50. However, this cost is paid by the mine operator.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not adopt Resolution 2024-178 and provide alternative direction to staff.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [CC Resolution 2024-178 Amendment No. 1 to PSA with Aragon Geotechnical Inc](#)
2. [Exhibit A - C00991 - Aragon PSA Amend No.1 Surface Mining Insp Svcs.pdf](#)
3. [2024 Contract - C00991 - Aragon PSA for Mine Inspections.pdf](#)
4. [2021 Contract - C00677_-_ARAGON_GEOTECHNICAL_INC.pdf](#)