



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.7

DATE: September 8, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brent Smith, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing execution of agreements with Swaim Biological, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$800,000 and with WRA, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 to provide on-call engineering environmental support services with terms ending December 31, 2028.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with Swaim Biological, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$800,000 and with WRA, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 to provide on-call engineering environmental support services with terms ending December 31, 2028.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

The City of Livermore (City) requires consultants to perform on-call environmental support services for projects including assistance with environmental documents and technical reports, environmental field surveys, biological surveys and monitoring, environmental mitigation plans and reports, archaeological and historical significance evaluations, permit applications, and coordination with regulatory agencies.

The proposed professional services agreements will provide on-call environmental support services through December 31, 2028 to assist with capital improvement projects and engineering division operations. The contracts for each consultant have total not-to-exceed amounts as follows:

- Swaim Biological, Inc. \$800,000
- WRA, Inc. \$500,000

In addition, staff is establishing a list of consultants that are pre-qualified for current and upcoming environmental related capital improvement projects. This process reduces the time to obtain consultants

for individual projects.

DISCUSSION

The City requires consultants to perform on-call environmental support services for capital improvement projects, including water, wastewater, and stormwater projects associated with the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), subsequent updates to the CIP program, and Engineering Division operational support. These services include assistance with project planning, environmental analysis, environmental documents and technical reports, environmental field surveys, biological surveys and monitoring, environmental mitigation plans and reports, archaeological and historical significance evaluations, permit applications, and coordination with regulatory agencies. For example, some of the ongoing and future projects that are anticipated to be under the scope of the on-call environmental support services and the pre-qualified list of consultants for project-specific support include, but are not limited to the following projects as approved in the City's Fiscal Year 2025-2030 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan:

- SD201941 - Altamont Creek Mitigation
- SD202424 - Storm Drains for Ponding Areas
- SD202523 - Stream Maintenance by Contractors
- SD202623 - Springtown Flood Protection
- SDS2023P - 2023 Storm Damage Permanent Repairs C-G
- SM201721 - Bluebell Drive Bridge Repair at Altamont Creek
- SM202219 - Bridge Rehabilitation
- TB200245 - Arroyo Las Positas Trail near Walmart
- TB201945 - Las Colinas Trail
- TB202626 - Arroyo Mocho Trail at Concannon Boulevard
- TI202414 - Arroyo Las Positas at Heather Lane Bridge
- WW201414 - Springtown Trunkline Replacement

Staff issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) for firms interested in providing environmental support services for the City. The purpose of this process was to receive statements of qualifications (SOQs) from multiple consultants and based on review of these qualifications, establish the following:

- Environmental support services agreements on an on-call basis for as-needed tasks related to the City's capital improvement projects and Engineering Division operations
- A list of pre-qualified consultants eligible for award of individual professional services agreements for specific ongoing and/or future capital improvement projects requiring environmental support services

Statements of qualification were received from the following eight firms:

Consultant Name	City
WRA, Inc.	San Rafael, CA
FCS International, Inc.	Irvine, CA
Rincon Consultants, Inc.	Oakland, CA
Swaim Biological, Inc.	Livermore, CA
Precision Civil Engineering, Inc.	Fresno, CA
EMC Planning Group, Inc.	Monterey, CA

M-Group	Berkeley, CA
Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc.	Walnut Creek, CA

The selection committee reviewed the SOQs and recommended the following top-rated consultants to perform environmental support services on an on-call basis:

Consultant Name	Service
WRA, Inc.	Environmental Services
Swaim Biological, Inc.	Environmental Services

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

The on-call agreements will commence upon approval by the City Council and terminate December 31, 2028. The contracts for each of the on-call consultants have total not-to-exceed amounts as follows:

- Swaim Biological, Inc. \$800,000
- WRA, Inc. \$500,000

Contracts for specific capital projects will be executed at the time the capital project is initiated and in accordance with the approved budget. The services rendered under these agreements will be charged to the various capital improvement projects, developer fees for various development projects for which consultant services are required, and the Engineering and Water Resource Division's operating budgets for miscellaneous consultant services. The City Engineer will approve work related to these contracts only within the overall adopted budget amounts.

COMMUNITY PILLAR

3: Environmental Stewardship

GOAL

3: Help the City fulfill its obligations under state and federal environmental regulations, and in response to regulatory oversight.

GUIDING DOCUMENT

2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Exhibit A - Swaim Biological Inc. Agreement](#)
3. [Exhibit B - WRA Inc. Agreement](#)

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