



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Contract with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for a Stream Gage

MEETING DATE:

April 20, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Emergency Management

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Brett Knapp

Action Requested:

Approving a contract with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for operation of a stream gage on the South Fork Zumbro River near Rochester.

Report Narrative:

The contract has been managed by emergency management, and payment is handled through the Flood CIP that is managed by Public Works and Parks & Forestry. The contract is to maintain a continuous recording stream gage on the South Fork Zumbro River near Rochester, CR104, Minnesota. The state will visit this location to collect the necessary field data on a 40-to-60-day interval during open water season and as needed during high flow conditions. The State will perform regular maintenance of the gage, develop and maintain a stage-discharge relationship and compile continuous discharge records through the contracted time period. An annual report consisting of the site description, data collection summaries and stage-discharge relations will be provided by January 31st of each year. All data for the gage site will be stored in the DNR/PCA cooperative database and near real-time continuous data for the gage will be provided via the DNR/PCA Cooperative Stream Gaging website.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Responsible Environmental Stewardship

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

This partnership adheres to the City's priorities and principles of Resilience and Public Safety. Data from the river gauge helps Public Works and Emergency Management monitor river levels and better understand potential flooding scenarios.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

According to Emergency Management records, this contract has been renewed multiple times since 2010, most recently in 2021.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

The State will invoice the Purchaser for all services performed by the State under this contract as follows:

\$3,750.00 due June 30, 2026
 \$3,750.00 due January 31, 2027
 \$3,750.00 due June 30, 2027
 \$3,750.00 due January 31, 2028

The total obligation of the Purchaser for all compensation and reimbursements to the State under this contract is \$15,000.00.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative actions are suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

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