

Agenda Date: 4/19/2021 Agenda Placement: 5B

Upper Valley Waste Management Agency **Board Agenda Letter**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Steven Lederer - Manager

Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

REPORT BY: Steven Lederer, Director, Public Works - 259-8228

SUBJECT: Contract Approval for Annual Auditing Services by Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation

RECOMMENDATION

AUDIT AGREEMENT

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation to prepare the Authority's Annual Audits for fiscal years 2020-21, 20211-22 and 2022-23, and two additional option years.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Joint Powers Agency formation agreement an annual audit is required to be completed. The County conducted a request for proposal, and chose Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation to prepare the County's annual audits. The Agency has the opportunity to "piggyback" off that procurement, as we have done in the past. The proposed agreement with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation is to audit the Agency's financial records for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, 2022, and 2023, which include two one year extensions. The fee for each annual audit is \$3,300, which is actually \$200 less expensive than the previous 5 year contract.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted? Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory

Is the general fund affected?

Future fiscal impact: The amount of the audit is within the authority's budget for each year.

Consequences if not approved: Audit will not be completed. Agency will not be meeting the

requirements of their formation agreement.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The County Auditor-Controller issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for audit services. The purpose of the RFP was to select an independent certified public accounting firm to audit the County and various county agencies for which the Auditor-Controller is responsible. The RFP was posted on the County's website and email notifications were sent to all firms active in the State Association of County Auditors. The Audit Committee, consisting of the Auditor-Controller, the Assistant Auditor-Controller, Principal Management Analyst-CEO and a member of the Grand Jury, reviewed each proposal and determined Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation be recommended to the County Board and the Agency for auditing services based on both qualifications and cost.

The agreement with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation is for a three year contract with additional terms up two (2) years up to and including December 31, 2025. The proposed cost for each of the years is \$3,300.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Steven Lederer