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REQUEST FOR DECISION

To:

Board of Directors, CCRD

From:

Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer

Meeting Date:

May 2, 2022

Subject:

Hagensborg Water System Governance Study

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District award the Econics the Hagensborg Water Governance project and authorize Administration to enter into an agreement with Econics.

Issue/Background Summary:

In February 2021, the Central Coast Regional District was awarded a Restructure Planning Grant of \$40,000 to examine ways in which residents could be involved in the provision of the converted water services (Hagensborg Water District). The Regional District posted the study in August 2021, but did not have any proposals submitted. In October 2021, the Province inquired as to timelines and an extension was approved. An additional extension was sought and approved with final reporting completed by September 30, 2023.

The request for proposals was reposted in April 2022.

Discussion:

Administration has received two proposals to conduct the study into governance options for the Hagensborg Water District service. The proposal by Econics has a price of \$30,000, while the Durumi Consultings proposal came in at \$28,700.

Staff have reviewed the proposals and are recommending that Econics received the award. The recommendation is based on experience on working with local government on water issues, a schedule that better accompanies the local government election and minimal difference in costs.

Financial/Budgetary Implications:

The full \$30,000 cost of the study is funded by the grant.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer

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