

# SWEETWATER AUTHORITY

## Engineering and Operations Committee

September 3, 2025



### **Consideration to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Contract Re-authorization with Lee + Ro, for On-call Professional Civil Engineering Services**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute a year-three re-authorization of an On-call Professional Civil Engineering Services Contract with Lee + Ro for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 per year, with two one-year possible extensions.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Authority entered into a five-year On-call Professional Civil Engineering Services contracts with Lee + Ro on September 25, 2023, for an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000 per year, subject to annual re-authorizations.

#### **SUMMARY**

Lee + Ro completed the design plans and specifications for the Cherry Hills and Desal Tanks Restoration Project which is currently in construction. Its task order needs to be amended to include construction support for this project as the designer-of-record. In addition, the FY 2025-26 Budget includes the rehabilitation of the Claire Vista Tank. Given Lee + Ro's prior experience with the Authority's tank infrastructure and its demonstrated performance on similar projects, it would be advantageous to have them available under an on-call professional services contract for potential support on this effort, as well as other Capital Investment Projects (CIP).

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY 2025-26 Budget for the CIP includes funding allocations for construction management and inspection services associated with the projects requiring construction management and inspection. Construction management provided for development services projects will be reimbursed directly by developers.

#### **OPTIONS**

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a Year-three re-authorization of an On-call Professional Civil Engineering Services Contract with Lee + Ro for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 per year, with two one-year possible extensions.
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute a re-authorization of an On-call Professional Civil Engineering Services Contract with Lee + Ro for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000, for Year-three only.
3. Other direction as determined by the Governing Board.

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Attachments**

1. Staff Presentation
2. Agreement for Services - LEE + RO - 09-25-23 - Executed

**Strategic Plan**

Strategic Plan Goal 2: System and Water Supply Reliability (SR) – Achieve an uninterrupted, long-term water supply through investment, maintenance, innovation and developing local water resources.

- Objective SR1: Implement recommendations of the current Water Distribution Master Plan, per approved Fiscal Year Budget.
- Objective SR2: Cost-effectively maintain facilities and infrastructure to optimize their useful life and Performance.
- Objective SR6: Coordinate street improvement plans submitted by Chula Vista, National City, and County of San Diego to identify potential conflicts with Authority facilities and implement cost-effective modifications/relocations to address conflicts.

**Past Board Actions**

June 12, 2025	The Board approved the FY 2025-26 Budget; Adopt Resolution 25-04, Adopting the FY 2025-26 Budget; and Adopt Resolution 25-05.
September 13, 2023	The Board authorized an On-call Professional Civil Engineering Services Contract with Lee + Ro for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 per year, for up to a total of five years.