

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 47880 for the North Haiwee Dam Seismic Improvement Project – URS Corporation Americas

SUMMARY

The proposed Amendment No. 3 (Amendment) to Agreement No. 47880 (Agreement) with URS Corporation Americas (URS) will extend the term for another two years through February 3, 2028, and increase the current not-to-exceed amount of \$7,500,000 by \$2,000,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$9,500,000 (budgeted).

This Amendment will allow URS to provide uninterrupted support to LADWP for work associated with the construction of North Haiwee Dam No. 2 (Project). Through the funds allocated in Amendment Nos. 1 and 2, URS has supported Phase II and Phase III cultural resources and data recovery work and provided assistance to modify environmental documents and permitting.

The additional funding is required to comply with mitigation and monitoring requirements as stipulated in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA), jointly developed with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Specifically, archaeological, and paleontological construction monitoring, Native American construction monitoring, and ongoing technical advisory support and project management.

City Council approval as required in Charter Section 373.

RECOMMENDATION

It is requested that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached Resolution recommending City Council's approval of the Amendment to the Agreement with URS as required in Charter Section 373.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

LADWP does not have personnel with the technical expertise to perform biological, paleontological, archaeological, and Native American monitoring work through the duration of the Project. It would not be cost effective or efficient for LADWP to hire employees with this specialized knowledge for a temporary project.

Another alternative considered includes advertising a new Request for Proposal (RFP) to complete the work necessary with a new consultant; however, it would not be practical nor feasible for a new consultant to meet the scheduled Project deadlines. A new consultant would require time to review the work completed by URS thus far, and possibly require validation studies to confirm field investigation engineering analysis results, environmental technical studies, and biological and archaeological studies in order to fulfill their role and accept any liability associated with past work. Therefore, transferring the work currently supported by URS to a new consultant would disrupt the Project in progress, cause substantial delays, and result in higher costs. Project construction began in July 2021, and initiating a subsequent RFP process would result in substantial and unavoidable delays.

Amending the Agreement with URS ensures LADWP will be able to meet mitigation and monitoring requirements and retain Project-specific specialized expertise to support the construction of the Project.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The current contract term expires on February 3, 2026, and will be extended to February 2, 2028. The Amendment will increase the contract amount by \$2,000,000 based on the estimated expenditures and schedule to complete the Project. The following table summarizes the change in the Agreement maximum expenditure limits:

Original Not-to-Exceed Amount	Amendment No. 1 Increase Amount	Amendment No. 2 Increase Amount	Amendment No. 3 Increase Amount	Amended Not-to-Exceed Amount
\$4,000,000	\$500,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$9,500,000

The funding for the Amendment is included in the Water System Budget.

BACKGROUND

The Agreement was originally approved by the Board on December 1, 2009. On January 25, 2013, the first three-year extension option was exercised and approved by Board Resolution in accordance with the extension option clause of the Agreement. The first extension option period ended February 3, 2016. The approval of the last two-year option extended the term of the Agreement through February 3, 2018. On March 13, 2018, Amendment No. 1 was approved by Board Resolution, extending the Agreement term through February 3, 2026, and it increased the Agreement not-to-exceed amount

by \$500,000 from \$4,000,000 to \$4,500,000. The additional funds covered pre-construction coordination and consultation services. On August 9, 2022, Amendment No. 2 was approved by a Board Resolution, increasing the Agreement not-to-exceed amount by \$3,000,000 from \$4,500,000 to \$7,500,000.

The Project consists of constructing a new earth fill embankment dam north of the existing North Haiwee Dam to improve the seismic reliability of the North Haiwee Reservoir. The location of the new dam will result in the need to realign a portion of the existing Cactus Flats Road, realign a portion of the existing Los Angeles Aqueduct channel, and install a left-turn lane along southbound highway US-395.

The North Haiwee Reservoir currently operates safely at a reduced water elevation, which substantially limits the reservoir's storage capacity and aqueduct operation. The restricted reservoir elevation was mandated by the State of California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) in response to a seismic-stability evaluation conducted by LADWP. The Project mitigates the seismic hazard, reestablishes maximum reservoir storage capacity, and reduces the risk of interruption to the Los Angeles Aqueduct water supply.

The Amendment is essential in order to complete archaeological and paleontological construction monitoring work. Also, in an effort to provide safe, reliable, and high-quality drinking water to the City of Los Angeles in an environmentally responsible manner, the Amendment will allow LADWP to complete the seismic improvements to North Haiwee Reservoir mandated by DSOD.

URS has performed satisfactorily under this agreement.

In accordance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 4, the City Administrative Officer's Report (CAO) was approved on July 7, 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15080-15097 (Environmental Impact Report [EIR] previously adopted). In accordance with CEQA and the National Environmental Policy Act, LADWP along with its federal co-lead agency, the BLM, prepared a joint Environmental Impact Statement/EIR to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Project. On July 24, 2018, the Board certified the EIR, adopted the Mitigation Measures and Reporting Program, Finding of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and approved the Project.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the Amendment and Resolution as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Procurement Summary
- Resolution
- Amendment
- CAO Report

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

1.	Recommended Vendor(s): URS Corporation Americas
2.	Procurement Type: Amendment
3.	Procurement Details: A. Contract Status: Amendment No. 3 (Amendment) to Agreement No. 47880 (Agreement) B. Bid Advertisement Date: Not applicable C. Pre-Bid Conference Date: Not applicable D. Bid/Proposal Due Date: Not applicable E. Number of Downloads of Solicitation: Not applicable F. Number of Bids/Proposals Received: Not applicable. G. Protest Received: Not applicable
4.	Buyer Assigned: Patrick Evans
5.	Contract Administrator: Josephine Alarcon
6.	LADWP System: Joint / Corporate Environmental Affairs
7.	Contact Person for Item: Amanda Jimenez

A. Summary of Bids Received/Evaluation Rating Summary of Proposals

Not applicable to the Amendment.

B. Evaluation of Bid/Proposal/Cooperative Agreement

Prices under the Amendment have been determined to be fair and reasonable based on no increase to the existing hourly rates, and the rates will remain fixed for the duration of the Agreement.

C. Procurement History

Service/Item History – Number of Times Item or Service has been Procured					
Contract/ PO No.	Contractor	Term of Contract	Start Date	Ending Date	Original Contract Amount
47880	URS Corporation Americas	16 years	2/4/2010	2/3/2026	\$4,500,000

Vendor Experience – Number of Contracts Vendor had with LADWP During the Past 10 Years					
Contract/ PO No.	Contract Description	Term of Contract	Start Date	Ending Date	Original Contract Amount
47804	Geotechnical Services, Dam and Reservoir Safety, Staff Development for the Van Norman Complex Project	15 years	5/28/2009	5/27/2024	\$32,000,000
47210B	Tech and Admin Services to Support Integrated Resource Plan Projects	3 years	4/14/2014	4/13/2017	\$15,900,000*

47213B	Tech and Admin Services to Support Integrated Resource Plan Projects	3 years	4/14/2014	4/13/2017	\$34,550,000**
47239	Technical Services for Engineering Evaluation for the Clean Water Act Section 316(B)	3 years	6/20/2014	6/19/2017	\$4,900,000
47271	Environmental Assessment and Air Quality Services	3 years	9/30/2014	9/29/2017	\$2,000,000

*Aggregate contract amount for Agreement Nos. 47210A, 47210B, and 47210C.

**Aggregate contract amount for Agreement Nos. 47213A, 47213B, and 47213C.

D. Small Business Enterprises (SBE)/Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE)/Minority Business Enterprises (MBE)/Women Business Enterprises (WBE)/Other Business Enterprises (OBE) Subcontracting Participation

The original contract was issued with a Good Faith Effort requirement. Actual subcontractor participation commitments and achievements are provided below:

SBE / DVBE SUBCONTRACTING

SBE	CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 1 (\$4,500,000)		CONTRACT EXPENDITURE THRU DECEMBER 16, 2021 (\$4,340,598)		CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 2 (\$7,500,000)	
	Commitment Amount	Percent of Contract	Actual Amount	Percent of Achievement	Commitment Amount	Percent of Contract
347 Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,125,000	15%

MBE SUBCONTRACTING

MBE	CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 1 (\$4,500,000)		CONTRACT EXPENDITURE THRU DECEMBER 16, 2021 (\$4,340,598)		CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 2 (\$7,500,000)	
	Commitment Amount	Percent of Contract	Actual Amount	Percent of Achievement	Commitment Amount	Percent of Contract
California Watershed Engineering, Inc.	\$22,500	0.5%	\$125,744	2.90%	\$37,000	0.5%
Garcia & Associates	\$652,500	14.5%	\$136,078	3.14%	\$1,087,500	14.5%
Terry A. Hayes Associates (SBE)	\$0	0%	\$73,144	1.69%	\$0	0%
Translutions, Inc. (SBE)	\$0	0%	\$73,144	1.69%	\$0	0%

WBE SUBCONTRACTING

WBE	CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 1 (\$4,500,000)		CONTRACT EXPENDITURE THRU DECEMBER 16, 2021 (\$4,340,598)		CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 2 (\$7,500,000)	
	Commitment Amount	Percent of Contract	Actual Amount	Percent of Achievement	Commitment Amount	Percent of Contract
EREMICO Biological Services	\$153,000	3.4%	\$7,614	0.18%	\$255,000	3.4%
MARR	\$162,000	3.6%	\$0	0%	\$270,000	3.6%

OBE SUBCONTRACTING

OBE	CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 1 (\$4,500,000)		CONTRACT EXPENDITURE THRU DECEMBER 16, 2021 (\$4,340,598)		CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 2 (\$7,500,000)	
	Commitment Amount	Percent of Contract	Actual Amount	Percent of Achievement	Commitment Amount	Percent of Contract
Artech LLC	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%