

TRANSMITTAL

TO
Department of Water and Power

DATE
12/24/2025

FROM
The Mayor

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. 47879 WITH BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION FOR THE NORTH HAIWEE DAM SEISMIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ED15 approved and transmitted for further processing.



MAYOR
(Mitch Kamin for)

December 1, 2025

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall
Mail Stop 370

Attention: Legislative Coordinator

Dear Mayor Bass:

Subject: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 47879 with Black & Veatch Corporation for the North Haiwee Dam Seismic Improvement Project

In accordance with Executive Directive No. 15, enclosed is a copy of a Board letter and supporting documents recommending approval and transmittal to the Los Angeles City Council of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 47879 between the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Black & Veatch Corporation for the North Haiwee Dam Seismic Improvement Project.

It is respectfully requested that your office complete its review as soon as possible. Once it is reviewed by the Mayor's office, the matter will be scheduled for action by the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners and forwarded to the Los Angeles City Council for final consideration.

Please contact Mr. Paul Habib, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs at (213) 367-3846 upon completion of the review, if the review will take longer than 30 days, or if there are any questions regarding this item.

Sincerely,



Janisse Quiñones
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer


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Enclosures

c/enc: Mr. Luis Gutierrez, Office of the Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

ANSELMO COLLINS

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ANSELMO G. COLLINS
Senior Assistant General Manager
Water System

JANISSE QUIÑONES
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer

DATE: November 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 47879 with Black & Veatch Corporation for the North Haiwee Dam Seismic Improvement Project

SUMMARY

The proposed Amendment No. 2 (Amendment) to Agreement No. 47879 (Agreement) with Black & Veatch Corporation (Black & Veatch) for the North Haiwee Dam Seismic Improvement Project (Project) will extend the Agreement term by three years ending February 2029. All other terms and conditions of the Agreements will remain unchanged.

The time extension Amendment is necessary because LADWP has determined the Project will not be completed within the authorized timeframe of the Agreement. Several unexpected delays have necessitated extending the construction contract, under a separate contract. The compounded delays pushed the projected construction completion date from January 2025 to the planned construction completion of February 2027. The Amendment will allow LADWP to retain the specialized expertise and continuity of Black & Veatch as the Engineer of Record for the new North Haiwee Dam No. 2 to support the completion of the Project through construction and post-construction phases.

City Council approval is required in accordance with Charter Section 373.

This agreement expires on February 3, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached Resolution authorizing approval of the Amendment to the Agreement with Black & Veatch, pursuant to Charter Section 373.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Alternatives considered included transferring tasks supported by Black & Veatch to LADWP staff, or advertising and awarding a new consulting services contract. These alternatives are not viable options because Black & Veatch is the Project’s Engineer of Record. Changing the Engineer of Record can create risks due to loss of design continuity, potential liability issues, and regulatory delays as well as delays to construction.

Any alternatives to the current course of action at this time would significantly delay the Project delivery schedule and further increase costs.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Amendment No. 2 does not request additional funding. The not-to-exceed amount will remain the same at \$12,000,000. The project funding is budgeted as shown below:

	<u>Original Maximum Expenditures</u>
Agreement Amount	\$9,000,000
Amendment No. 1	\$3,000,000
Amendment No. 2	Not applicable
Not-to-Exceed Amount	<u>\$12,000,000</u>

BACKGROUND

The Project is located in Olancho, California, approximately 182 miles north of Downtown Los Angeles. The existing North Haiwee Dam was determined to be seismically deficient if subjected to a Maximum Credible Earthquake. As a result, the California Department of Water Resources, Department of Safety and Dams (DSOD) mandated seismic remediation of the dam facility. The Project will maximize public safety and increase the reliability of North Haiwee Reservoir following an earthquake.

On December 1, 2009, the Board adopted Resolution No. 010172 authorizing the execution of the Agreement, for an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000, to provide geotechnical services, dam and reservoir safety, and other services related to the seismic improvement for the North Haiwee

Dam. The Board approved Amendment No. 1 on March 13, 2018, for an additional \$3,000,000 and extended the duration by eight years to continue support of the Project.

Under the Agreement, Black & Veatch prepared the investigation and design documents of the North Haiwee Dam No. 2. On September 22, 2020, a separate contract was awarded by the Board to perform construction services for the Project. A new earth fill embankment dam is being constructed approximately 800 feet north of the existing dam. The new dam is an embankment dam approximately 1900 feet in length with a maximum height of 40 feet.

The Project encountered delays after the start of construction. Unexpected cultural, archaeological, and biological findings were encountered in over 175 Environmental Sensitive Areas with several sites requiring mitigation plans. The Joshua Tree was designated as protected and, on an interim basis, as a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act resulting in the Project's permit being amended to address the removal of Joshua Trees. The original construction scope also included a temporary shutdown of the existing Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA); however, due to expected high water runoff as a result of record precipitation and snowfall during the first quarter of 2023 resulting in a Mayoral Local Emergency Declaration, a shutdown of the LAA was not feasible and a temporary bypass was constructed to allow the construction contractor to make the tie-in connections. DSOD also issued and subsequently released a work stoppage to address the construction contractor's inability to achieve the required ground improvement of the new dam foundation. The Amendment will extend the Agreement by an additional three years, from sixteen years to a maximum of nineteen years, to address the construction delays incurred, and other potential delays to complete the Project.

Black & Veatch has performed satisfactorily under the current Agreement.

In accordance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 15, the City Administrative Officer's Report has been requested.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15080-15097 (Environmental Impact Report previously adopted). In accordance with CEQA and the National Environmental Policy Act, LADWP along with its federal co-lead agency, the Bureau of Land Management, prepared a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Project. On July 24, 2018, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners 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 Resolution as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Procurement Summary
- Resolution
- Amendment

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

1.	Recommended Vendor(s): Black and Veatch Corporation (Black and Veatch)
2.	Procurement Type: Request for Proposal (RFP)
3.	Procurement Details: A. Contract Status: Amendment B. RFP Advertisement Date: N/A C. Pre-Proposal Conference Date: N/A D. Proposal Due Date: N/A E. Number of Downloads of Solicitation: N/A F. Number of Proposals Received: N/A G. Protest Received: N/A
4.	Buyer Assigned: Ermiase Tesfaye
5.	Contract Administrator: Leah Mulat
6.	LADWP System/Division: Water / Water Engineering & Technical Services
7.	Contact Person for Item: Mahdi Jorat

*Note: Downloads do not necessarily accurately reflect unique vendor interests as multiple individuals in an organization can download solicitations.

A. Evaluation Rating Summary of Proposals

Not applicable to this Amendment.

B. Evaluation of Proposal

The pricing remains to be fair and reasonable as current fee schedule remains the same. The Amendment is not seeking any additional funding.

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	Contract Amount
47879	Black and Veatch	8 years	2/4/2010	2/3/2026	\$12,000,000

Vendor Experience – Number of Contracts Vendor had with LADWP During the Past 5 Years					
Contract/ PO No.	Contract Description	Term of Contract	Start Date	Ending Date	Contract Amount
47879	Geotechnical Engineering	16 years	2/4/2010	2/3/2026	\$12,000,000
47366B	Professional and Technical Engineering and Architectural Design Services	5 years	6/17/2016	6/16/2021	\$60,000,000 (not-to-exceed aggregate amount for all six firms)

D. Local Business Preference Program (LBPP)

Not applicable to the Amendment.

E. Additional Outreach Efforts Taken

Not applicable to the Amendment.

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

The original contract was issued with a Good Faith Effort requirement, which Black & Veatch successfully fulfilled. As a result, Black & Veatch committed to 17.9 percent MBE, and 3.1 percent WBE utilization.

Progress of diverse supplier utilization based on the amount spent as of August 27, 2025:

- MBE utilization – 19.25%
- WBE utilization – 4.33%

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, Black & Veatch Corporation was awarded Agreement No. 47879 (Agreement) by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Board of Commissioners (Board) on February 4, 2010, to provide geotechnical services, dam and reservoir safety, staff development, environmental and archaeological services, and other related services needed to accomplish the North Haiwee Dam Seismic Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, through Amendment No. 1 the Agreement was awarded for a term set to expire on February 3, 2026, and an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 on a task assignment basis contingent upon the availability of sufficient funds, for geotechnical services, dam and reservoir safety, staff development, environmental and archaeological services, and other related services needed to accomplish the North Haiwee Dam Seismic Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, LADWP has determined that it is necessary to increase the Agreement term by three (3) years, totaling nineteen (19) years which exceeds the total contract period set by ordinance, and in accordance with the City Charter Section 373, City Council approval is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Amendment No. 2 (Amendment) to the Agreement, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, and filed with the Secretary of the Board, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to City Charter Section 1022, the Board finds that it is more feasible to have the work performed by an independent contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Accounting Employee of LADWP, upon proper certification, is authorized and directed to draw demands on the Water Revenue Fund, in accordance with the terms of this Amendment to the Agreement and this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President or Vice President, or the General Manager, or such person as the General Manager shall designate in writing, and the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or the Acting Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Amendment for and on behalf of LADWP upon approval by the City Council pursuant to City Charter Section 373.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, CITY ATTORNEY

October 7, 2025

Secretary

BY _____

Philip Lam
Deputy City Attorney

**AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. 47879
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
AND
BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION**

This Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 47879 is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, a municipal corporation (hereinafter the "LADWP"), and BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation licensed to do business in the State of California (hereinafter the "Consultant"). Individually, Department and Consultant are referred to under this Amendment as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2010, the Parties entered into Agreement No. 47879 wherein the Consultant agreed to provide geotechnical services, dam and/or reservoir safety, staff development, and related services to accomplish the North Haiwee Dam Seismic Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, Agreement No. 47879 provides for amendments; and

WHEREAS, LADWP and the Consultant are desirous of amending the Agreement for the purpose of adding an additional three-year extension option; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment is necessary and proper to continue and/or complete certain activities authorized under the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree that the Agreement be amended as follows:

AMENDMENT

1. Section **201.1 Extension Options** is amended to read as follows:

"At the LADWP's option with approval by the Board, the term of this Agreement may be extended up to four additional periods, exercisable in a three-year, two-year, eight-year, and three-year increment, or any portion thereof. If all four options are exercised, the total contract duration is 19 years."


2. Except as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of Agreement No. 47879 shall remain in full force and effect.
3. This Amendment consists of three pages.

[Signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their duly Authorized Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BY
BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS

By signing below, the signatory attests that they have no personal, financial, beneficial, or familial interest in this contract.

By: 

JANISSE QUIÑONES
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer

Date: 11/26/2025

And: _____
CHANTEL L. MITCHELL
Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, CITY ATTORNEY
November 6, 2025


BY _____
MARK S. REUSCH
Deputy City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their duly Authorized Representatives.

BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION

Dated: November 10, 2025 By: Christopher M. Mueller
Dr. Christopher Mueller
Vice President

And

Dated: November 7, 2025 By: A.M. Stanton
Mr. Andrew Stanton
Senior Project Manager