



Los Angeles
Department of
Water & Power

RESOLUTION NO. 026 029

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

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Water System

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JANISSE QUIÑONES
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer

DATE: July 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the Master Memorandum of Understanding for Project Delivery and Service Needs with the City of Los Angeles

SUMMARY

The proposed Second Amendment to the Master Memorandum of Understanding for Project Delivery and Service Needs with the City of Los Angeles (Master MOU) is to 1) extend the term of the Master MOU for five additional years, for a cumulative term of ten years, 2) increase the total cost for all services by \$20 million, for a cumulative total maximum cost of \$60 million, and 3) add Bureau of Street Lighting to the departments and bureaus agreeing to provide services to LADWP.

The Master MOU with City of Los Angeles (City) departments and bureaus provides a framework under which LADWP can obtain from the City an array of potential services needed by LADWP. This Amendment will allow for more services to be provided by the City.

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the Master MOU.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Recommended alternative is to approve the Second Amendment in order for LADWP to continue utilizing services from the City in support of LADWP projects and programs.

One alternative considered was to allow the Master MOU to expire and contract out future needed services. This alternative was deemed not feasible because the proposed Second Amendment provides LADWP with the flexibility to access City services when they are found to be more economical, qualified, or on an emergency basis.

Not approving the Second Amendment is undesirable as this would limit the resources available to LADWP to complete critical projects and programs.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Second Amendment will extend the term of the Master MOU for five additional years, for a cumulative term of ten years, and increase the total cost for all services by \$20 million, for a cumulative total maximum cost of \$60 million. As-needed City services will be included in the budgets of individual projects.

BACKGROUND

The Master MOU with the City was approved by the LADWP Board of Water and Power Commissioners on October 13, 2020, to allow LADWP to contract with other City agencies for select services on a temporary, as-needed, or emergency basis. Each service will be defined by a scope of work, term, total cost, and notice provision defined in separate agreements. The term of the Master MOU was for two years and a maximum cost of \$40 million.

The First Amendment to the Master MOU was subsequently executed on October 25, 2022, to extend the Master MOU for three additional years. The total cost of \$18.4 million of City services has been provided so far.

LADWP can continue to benefit from select City services with the five years extension to the term of the Agreement and an increase of \$20 million to the maximum total cost proposed in the Second Amendment to the Master MOU.

In accordance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 4, the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) Report was approved on July 25, 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3). In accordance with this section, an activity is not subject to CEQA if it does not meet the definition of a project. Section 15378(b)(2) states that continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as amendments to existing contracts, do not meet that definition. Therefore, the amendment of a contract to extend the contract duration and add funds is not subject to CEQA.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Second Amendment
- Master MOU
- First Amendment
- CAO Report