



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: APRIL 29, 2025

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NOS. 22-9866 AND 22-9879 AND CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION FROM WSP USA ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. TO WSP USA INC.

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of the Second Amendment and Assignment and Assumption of Agreement Nos. 22-9866 and 22-9879 (collectively, the Agreements) from WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. to WSP USA Inc. These agreements support the efforts of the Water Quality group in the Environmental Management Division (EMD).

As of December 31, 2024, WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. consolidated into its sister operations entity, WSP USA Inc. The Second Amendment would allow a one-time assignment from WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. to WSP USA Inc. All other terms and conditions of the Agreements will remain unchanged. The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will continue to be financially responsible for payment of expenses incurred under these Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the Second Amendment to Agreement Nos. 22-9866 and 22-9879 to allow a one-time assignment to WSP USA Inc., effective December 31, 2024;
3. Approve the Assignment and Assumption of Agreement Nos. 22-9866 and 22-9879 and consent thereto, effective December 31, 2024;
4. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said Second Amendments for and on behalf of the Board;
5. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said Assignment and Assumptions for and on behalf of the Board; and
6. Adopt Resolution Nos. _____ and _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – On April 28, 2022, the Board approved Agreement No. 22-9866 with WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. to conduct as-needed water quality, sediment quality, and biological resources services for a term of three years and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,400,000. On July 28, 2022, the Board approved Agreement No. 22-9879 with WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. to perform biological surveys of Long Beach and Los Angeles Harbors for a term of three years and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$757,500. On March 30, 2023, the Board approved the First Amendment to these agreements to reflect a company name change from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. to WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

As of December 31, 2024, WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. was consolidated into its sister operations entity, WSP USA Inc. The proposed Amendments are required at this time to appropriately reflect this consolidation, incorporate the name change into the existing Agreements and approve the assignment and assumption of the Agreements from WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. to WSP USA Inc. All other terms and conditions of the Agreements will remain unchanged.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of the Second Amendment and Assignment and Assumption of Agreement Nos. 22-9866 and 22-9879 from WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. to WSP USA Inc., which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This action is administrative in nature to reflect the name change and assignment and assumption of the Agreements from WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. to WSP USA Inc. As such, there is no financial impact associated with this administrative action.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has prepared and approved the proposed Amendments as to form and legality.

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TRANSMITTALS:

1. Second Amendment to Agreement No 22-9866
2. Assignment and Assumption of Agreement No. 22-9866
3. Second Amendment to Agreement No. 22-9879
4. Assignment and Assumption of Agreement No. 22-9879

FIS Approval: JS (initials)

CA Approval: SO (initials)



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