



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

SUBJECT

First Amendment with Noctuam LLC (Noctuam) for Professional Services Agreement

BACKGROUND

EPWater entered into a professional services contract with Noctuam on June 16, 2025, in the amount of \$100,000 under the President/CEO's delegated administrative authority for engineering services related the evaluation of water rights, power analysis and other ancillary services. The agreement provides specialized engineering consulting and analytical support for complex infrastructure and contractual matters requiring technical expertise beyond standard internal capabilities. Noctuam engineering services supports strategic research, contract interpretation, and process improvement efforts tied to water resource management, regulatory coordination, and long-term infrastructure planning. These services have been critical to ensuring informed decision-making and maintaining compliance with evolving operational and regulatory requirements.

Given the continuing need for these specialized services, EPWater seeks to extend the contract term by two years and to increase the contract capacity for additional work that will allow continued access to these professional engineering consulting resources. The contract extension will enable completion of ongoing research, evaluation of key water management agreements, and continued support for leadership presentations and interagency collaboration.

PRIOR PSB ACTION

- None

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Infrastructure Performance

EVALUATION PROCESS

Noctuam was selected as the highest qualified firm to provide the engineering services based on its prior successful engagement with EPWater and its demonstrated engineering expertise in infrastructure strategy, contract analysis, and regulatory coordination. The firm's specialized background and continuity of knowledge make it uniquely qualified to continue providing these critical services.

Staff evaluated the services provided under the existing contract and determined that Noctuam remains the highest qualified and cost-effective resource for this ongoing specialized support.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient funds are available in various accounts. This expenditure is part of the FY25-26 budget.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and approve a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Noctuam LLC for additional engineering services, for an additional amount not to exceed \$200,000 and to extend the contract term by two years.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

- None