



Topic: **Joint Authority Board and Reservoir Committee Meeting Agenda Item 1.5** **2020 December 18**

Subject: **Amendment to the agreements with Fechter and Company, CPA for Financial Auditing Services**

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**Requested Action:**

Consider approval of the Fechter and Company, CPA, to conduct the Joint Powers Authority's 2020 Fiscal Audit through an amendment to their current approved agreement in the amount of \$12,142 plus expenses up to \$500 which increases the total contract authority to \$58,254.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

Fechter and Company, CPA, was awarded a contract following a competitive selection process to conduct an audit of the Authority's financial information for the fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018 with an option to conduct the fiscal year 2020 audit. Fechter and Company successfully completed the audits for these four fiscal years.

Staff evaluated the Authority's needs and the performance of Fechter's previous financial audits. It was determined it would be in the best interest of the Authority to approve an amendment to Fechter's Agreement to conduct a financial audit of the Authority's fiscal year 2020. It is a generally accepted good practice to change auditing firms on a 3 to 5-year cycle. The proposed action to extend the contract would be Fechter's 5<sup>th</sup> year as the Authority's auditor.

**Prior Reservoir Committee Action:**

February 26, 2020: Approved Fechter and Company, CPA, being awarded a contract to conduct an audit of the Authority's financial information for the fiscal year 2019. The audit for the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 were initiated in April 2018 and completed in early July. The fiscal year 2018 audit report was initiated in April 2019 and completed in July 2019. The fiscal year 2019 audit report was initiated in April 2020 and completed in June 2020.

March 19, 2018: Approved Fechter and Company, CPA, being awarded a contract to conduct an audit of the Authority's financial information for the fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018. The audit for the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 were initiated in April 2018 and completed in early July. The fiscal year 2018 audit report was initiated in April 2019 and completed in July 2019.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

None. The audit is included in the approved Amendment 2 Work Plan.

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**Attachments:**

None.