SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-B**

FROM: Ed Fortner, General Manager

Meeting Date: January 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution 20-02, Extending a Contract for Audit Services with Michael Celentano, CPA and Authorizing the General Manager to Sign the Letter of Engagement

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution 20-02.

FISCAL IMPACT:

$8,250 for each of two fiscal years.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Celentano has been conducting the District's annual audit for the last five years. At the December Board meeting staff recommended and the Board concurred pursuing a two-year extension with Mr. Celentano.

Staff has reviewed the letter of engagement Mr. Celentano sent and finds it acceptable. His proposed fee of $8,250 each year is $250 more each than was charged for the FY 2018-19 audit.

It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 20-02.

Resolution No. 20-02

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sweetwater Springs Water District Approving a Contract for Audit services with Michael Celentano, CPA for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21

WHEREAS, pursuant to District Policy 4050.15, "the District Board of Directors shall retain an independent auditor to conduct an annual review of District books, records, and financial interests; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 30540 (2), the Board shall retain an auditor as an independent contractor to conduct an annual audit of the District's books, records, and financial affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has evaluated the proposed letter contract of Michael Celentano, CPA for audit services for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 at the following rates;

FY ending June 30, 2020 not to exceed $8,250
FY ending June 30, 2021 not to exceed $8,250

1. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors of the Sweetwater Springs Water District has reviewed the letter contract presented by Michael Celentano, CPA dated December 13, 2019, and finds the terms and conditions acceptable; and

2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the General Manager is authorized to sign said Contract

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, Sonoma County, California, at a meeting held on January 2, 2020, by the following vote.

Director	Aye	No
Sukey Robb-Wilder	_____	_____
Tim Lipinski	_____	_____
Richard Holmer	_____	_____
Gaylord Schaap	_____	_____
Pip Marquez de la Plata	_____	_____

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Rich Holmer

President of the Board of Directors

Attest: Julie A. Kenny
Clerk of the Board of Directors

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ORIGINAL

December 13, 2019

Board of Directors
Sweetwater Springs Water District
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Guerneville, CA 95446

I am pleased to confirm my understanding of the services I am to provide Sweetwater Springs Water District for the year ended June 30, 2020 and 2021. I will audit the financial statements of the business-type activities which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Sweetwater Springs Water District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 and 2021. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement Sweetwater Springs Water District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements Sweetwater Springs Water District's, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of my engagement, I will apply certain limited procedures to Sweetwater Springs Water District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1) Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Audit Objective

The objective of my audit is the expression of my opinion as to whether your basic financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. My audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will include tests of the accounting records and other procedures I consider necessary to enable me to express such an opinion. I cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for me to modify my opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If my opinion on the financial statements is other than unmodified, I will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, I am unable to complete the audit or am unable to form or have not formed an opinion, I may decline to express an opinion or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the basic financial statements and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein. You agree to assume all management responsibilities for any nonattest services I provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to me and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing me with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that I may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom I determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to me in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by me during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing me about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing me of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include my report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that I have reported on the supplementary information. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to me in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) that you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) that the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to me any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, my audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. I will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because I will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by me, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements, or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, I will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to my attention. I will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to my attention, unless clearly inconsequential. My responsibility as an auditor is limited to the period covered by my audit and does not extend to any later periods for which I am not engaged as auditors.

My procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. I will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of my audit, I will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

My audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. However, during the audit, I will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I will perform tests of Sweetwater Springs Water District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of my audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and I will not express such an opinion.

Other Services

I will prepare the financial statements of the District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. I will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards.

I will propose adjusting journal entries and expect the District to accept responsibility for these entries.

The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined and proposing adjusting journal entries. I, in my sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

I may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. I may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, I maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, I will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and I will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that I am unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, I will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

I understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations I request and will locate any documents selected by me for testing.

The audit for the year ended June 30, 2020 and 2021 would commence on or about October and would be completed no later than January. Michael A Celentano is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it. My fee for these services will be at my standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that I agree that my gross fee, including expenses will not exceed $8,250 for the year ended June 30, 2020 and $8,250 for the year ending June 30, 2021. My standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. My invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. If I elect to terminate my services for nonpayment, my engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if I have not completed my report. You will be obligated to compensate me for all time expended and to reimburse me for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, I will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before I incur the additional costs.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Sweetwater Springs Water District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of my engagement. If you have any questions, please let me know. If you agree with the terms of my engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to me.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Celentano
Certified Public Accountant

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Sweetwater Springs Water District.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____