



# STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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July 17, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** David Loya, Director of Community Development  
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**DATE:** July 09, 2024

**TITLE:** **Award a Contract in the Amount of \$3,000 to GHD, Inc. to Author a Climate Change Analysis Addendum for the Little Lake Industries Site Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Council award a contract in the amount of \$3,000 to GHD, Inc. to author a Climate Change Analysis Addendum for the Little Lake Industries Site Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report; and authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

The City currently has a contract with GHD, Inc to oversee cleanup at Little Lake Industries Site. To have GHD complete the Climate Change Analysis Addendum, the City needs to execute a \$3,000 amendment to the contract.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Arcata received a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant to clean up dioxin contamination at the former Little Lake Industries mill site for \$369,783.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The EPA brownfields grant requires that the City complete a Climate Change Analysis as an addendum to the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment report. The Climate Change Analysis Addendum will look at the effects of climate change impacts such as sea level rise on three clean up alternatives: excavation and removal, cap and cover, and do nothing.

The City currently has a contract with GHD, Inc to oversee cleanup at Little Lake Industries Site for \$72,585. GHD has proposed that they can complete the Climate Change Analysis Addendum for \$3,000. The proposal meets the grantor's minimum requirements and City staff recommend going forward with a contract amendment.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):** The project, including the award for construction oversight, the remediation, and the end hauling for disposal are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15330, Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances. This exemption is for removal actions costing \$1MM or less that do not use an onsite incinerator.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** The contract amendment amount of \$3,000 will be billed to the EPA brownfields grant.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. GHD Proposal LLI Climate Change Analysis (PDF)