

Consent Item Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors – September 2021**ACTION ITEM**

Sponsor: Legislative Affairs Committee
Project number and name or topic: 4410.22.01 State Legislative Affairs /
 Legislative Monitor Contract

1. **Description of agenda item:** Kate Troll, the Council's state legislative monitor has decided not to seek renewal of her contract. The Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) is recommending that the Board approve a new state legislative monitoring contract with Mr. Gene Therriault. The proposed contract is for a term of two years at a not to exceed amount of \$24,000 per year.

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** The Council has benefitted from the services of a state legislative monitor for the past 25 years. Legislative monitors provide value because they track legislation, agency budgets, and administrative actions that may have impacts upon the safe storage and transportation of oil at the Valdez Marine Terminal. Monitors also provide strategic advice, recommend action plans, assist in the drafting of letters and briefing sheets, arrange contacts with legislators and administration officials, and provide reports and updates to staff, LAC, and the Board. Legislative monitors have played a big role in helping the Council achieve its legislative priorities. Legislative priorities are directly tied to the Council's mission, its contract with the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

3. **Previous actions taken by the Board on this item:**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Board	9/19/19	Approved one year contract with Kate Troll in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
Board	5/21/20	Approved one year contract with Kate Troll for FY2021 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

4. **Summary of policy, issues, support or opposition:** The Legislative Affairs Committee was deeply involved in every step of the legislative monitor selection process. All seven members participated. A project team was formed that included the seven members of the committee plus Donna Schantz, Walt Wrede, and Joe Lally. The project team reviewed the draft request for proposals, evaluated and scored the proposals received, interviewed the top candidates, reviewed the answers to follow-up questions, discussed the results of reference checks, and made the final selection based upon the information received.

Contract Approval: State Legislative Monitor 3-3

5. **Committee Recommendation:** The Legislative Affairs Committee recommends that the Board approve a new two-year contract with Gene Therriault, dba GT Services, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 per year.
6. **Relationship to LRP and Budget:** The approved budget for FY2022 contains \$30,000 for the state legislative monitor. This is sufficient to cover the cost of the contract and any unanticipated contingencies.
7. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for state legislative monitor services with Gene Therriault, dba GT Services, for a term of two years and compensation not to exceed \$24,000 per year.
8. **Alternatives:** None Recommended. The Board has the option of sending this back to the Legislative Affairs Committee for further consideration or declining to contract for monitoring services.
9. **Attachments:** None.