Consultant Contracts Management Process Audit and Consultant Contracts Improvement Process

Board Status Update – February 13, 2018

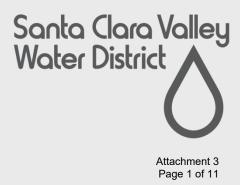
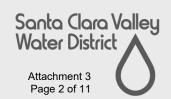


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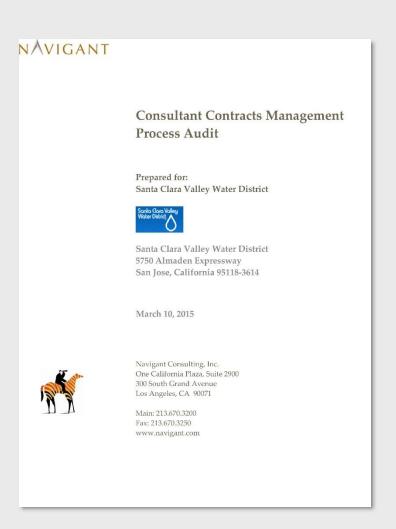
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I. Consultant Contracts Management Process Audit

- ➤ 2014 non-compliance triggered management audit
- Navigant reviewed 66 consultant contracts
- Reviewed policies, processes, and technology framework



- ▶ Post-award contract management activities were found to be:
 - Decentralized and inconsistent
 - Lacking clear accountability
- ► Most significant finding:
 - Expired and missing insurance certificates



I.b. Next Steps

- Review centralization of consultant contracts
- Continue implementation of recommendations
- Work with capital consultant contracts staff on post-award compliance
- On-going improvements



II. Consultant Contracts Process Improvements

Four-day workshop on pre-award process improvements (Q4, FY17)

- ▶ Outcomes:
 - ► Shorten timelines and streamline process
 - Additional improvements



II.a. Problem Definition/Root Causes

Problem 1: Lack of clarity and quality of initial draft scope of work and initial draft agreement

Root Cause: Lack of expertise drafting RFPs and lack of writing skills

Problem 2: Limited support during drafting and negotiation phases

Root Cause: Limited staff resources caused prior management to discontinue providing drafting and negotiation services

Problem 3: Lengthy contracting process

Root Cause: Problems 1 and 2 combined with the absence of clearly defined target timelines have contributed to the lengthy contracting process

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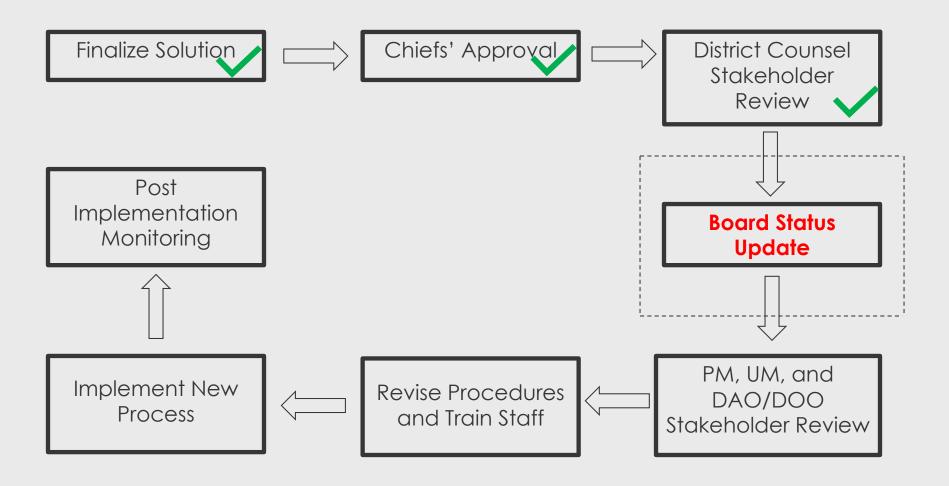
II.b. Proposed Solution

Overview of Improvements:

- Consultant Contracts Staff primary process owners
- Training in drafting and negotiations
- Structured contract drafting and negotiations processes
- Clearly defined roles, responsibilities and target timelines



II.c. Implementation Strategy



II.d. Next Steps

- ► Finalize Stakeholder Review
- Accelerate current ongoing contracts/amendments
- Begin implementing the process
- ► Track performance and measure against the new milestones
 - ▶ 6 months → status update via CEO Bulletin
 - ▶ 12 months → return to Board with full update



Questions?

