



## Memorandum

To: Vail Town Council  
From: Todd Oppenheimer  
Date: September 3, 2019  
Subject: Seibert Fountain Controls Update Contract

### I. PURPOSE

Staff is requesting approval of a Services Agreement with WET for an upgrade to the control system of the Seibert Fountain located at the top of Bridge Street in the Vail Village.

### II. BACKGROUND

The Seibert Fountain was constructed in 2006 as part of the Streetscape Project that was occurring at that time. WET, a California based water feature design company, was employed to design the fountain, provide construction document and set up the control system for the fountain. The analog control system installed was the state of the art system at that time and consists of numerous relays, switches and fuses to operate the various features of the fountain. Maintenance of the fountain has been difficult for the Facilities Division staff but they continue to do an outstanding job in keeping the fountain as operational as possible.

Since 2006 the technology available for the operation and control of water features has improved substantially. Control systems are now computer based and no longer require the extensive equipment and maintenance they previously required. WET will design and install a new computer based control system as part of this contract. They will also troubleshoot the fountain systems and provide a needed tune-up of the fountain components.

### III. PROJECT BUDGET

The design of the Seibert Fountain and many of the components included in the fountain are proprietary to WET. This makes WET a sole proprietor for the services required. The cost of the control system upgrade to the Siebert Fountain is \$105,000. The 2019 Capital Projects Fund Budget includes \$400,000 for the upgrades to the Seibert Fountain.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends approval of the Services Agreement with WET in the amount of \$105,000 for the control upgrades to the Seibert Fountain.

**V. ACTION REQUESTED BY COUNCIL**

Staff requests that the Council authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Services Agreement with WET in the amount of \$105,000 for the upgrade to the Siebert Fountain control system.