



SUBJECT: An Agreement with Robertson-Bryan, Inc. for environmental compliance services for the Solid Waste Organics Diversion project and the Water and Wastewater Laboratory project.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

STAFF: Casey Wichert, Director of Public Works
Jon Carson, Solid Waste Manager

TITLE/RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the contract documents and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute an Agreement with Robertson-Bryan, Inc. for environmental compliance services for the Solid Waste Organics Diversion, CIP Project No. 542-54021 (SW Project), and the Water and Wastewater Laboratory, CIP Project No. 592-59207 (Laboratory Project), in the amount not to exceed \$252,575.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the Agreement is \$252,575. Of this amount, \$234,778 will be expended through the SW Project and \$17,797 through the Laboratory Project. The funds associated with this work are included in the City Council approved amended 2023/24 – 2027/28 Capital Improvement Program which includes both the SW Project and the Laboratory Project. The SW Project currently has funding from the Solid Waste and Wastewater Enterprise Funds with the remainder of funding anticipated to come from a combination of loan or bond financing and grant funding, with loan/bond financing being repaid by the Solid Waste and Wastewater Enterprise Funds. The Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds will fund the Laboratory Project.

BACKGROUND

On January 23, 2024, the City Council approved an agreement for the design of a high diversion organics facility to comply with the City's obligations related to the organic waste disposal requirements associated with SB 1383. The next phase of this SW Project is performing the environmental analysis to ensure the eventual construction of the project complies with environmental regulations and requirements. Staff solicited proposals from multiple environmental consultants and selected Robertson-Bryan, Inc. (RBI) to perform the environmental analysis. The



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initial analysis will determine if a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is necessary, or if an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is sufficient. RBI will then coordinate the analysis, compile the report, and support the City's implementation of the SW Project from an environmental compliance perspective.

The Laboratory Project provides a larger laboratory that will be constructed adjacent to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant administration building, and the existing laboratory will be converted to office space. RBI will provide service to prepare a Categorical Exemption to comply with environmental regulations and requirements for the Laboratory Project.

RBI has served as the primary regulatory permitting specialist for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) since 2008. The RBI team consists of experts in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR), engineering feasibility and planning evaluations and environmental regulatory compliance services.

RBI's past services for the City have included:

- Preparing CEQA documentation for the City's WWTP Expansion Project and Recycled Water Projects;
- Negotiating NPDES permits with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board; and
- Provided project support to secure funding and support construction of the WWTP expansion and Recycled Water Program components under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program, and providing mitigation monitoring and reporting services during construction.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Focus Area 1, Goal 2.a - Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Services: Provide safe and sustainable water, wastewater and solid waste services for the build-out of the City per the City's General Plan.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Previous Action by the City Council is included on Attachment 1.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S)



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Alternative Options to the Staff Recommendation:

1. Do not approve staff's recommendation which will delay the SW Project and potentially risk not being eligible for the anticipated multi-million dollar investment tax credit.
2. Modify staff's recommendation based on legally defensible findings.
3. Continue item with direction for staff to return with additional information.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Action
2. Resolution
3. Agreement
4. CIP Budget Sheets