

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
WASTEWATER DIVISION MANAGER SMITH

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER MENDEZ

SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH BEECHER ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE
HEADWORKS AND INFLUENT PUMP STATION DESIGN
PROJECT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a resolution that (1) awards a contract to Beecher Engineering, Inc. for the Headworks and Influent Pump Station Design Project in the amount of \$348,680; (2) authorizes the City Manager to execute said contract; and (3) authorizes an appropriation of \$348,680 from the Wastewater Enterprise fund balance to budget account code 0710-911-7855-14410.

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2023, the Watsonville City Council adopted Resolution No. 236-23 (CM), awarding a contract to Carollo Engineers, Inc. ("Carollo") for civil engineering design services for the Headworks and Influent Pump Station Design Project. However, due to the complex nature of this project that will also coincide with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical System Replacement Project, specialty electrical engineering design services are also required.

DISCUSSION:

Carollo was selected as the civil engineering firm from the City's list of On-Call Water and Wastewater Design consultants for their knowledge and experience in wastewater facilities and their specific experience working with the City's WWTF. The on-call consultants list was selected from the publicly advertised Request for Qualification Statements from Consulting Engineering Firms for Periodic and On-Call Water and Wastewater Professional Design Services in July 2023 that is valid for three years.

Similarly, Beecher Engineering, Inc. was selected as the electrical engineering firm from the same list and for their specific experience designing the major WWTF electrical

distribution system replacement project that is being brought before the City Council for approval simultaneously with this contract.

Staff therefore recommends a professional services agreement be executed with Beecher Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$348,680 for the Headworks and Influent Pump Station Design Project.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This project supports Strategic Plan Priority:

2 – Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

An appropriation of funds in the full contract amount of \$348,680 from the Wastewater Enterprise fund balance to account code 0710-911-7855-14410 is needed to cover the cost of this contract.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

Council could elect not to award the contract to Beecher Engineering, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.