

# Agenda Report



**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG  
SOLID WASTE DIVISION MANAGER SMITH

**SUBJECT:** APPROVE THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH ES ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC. FOR LANDFILL REGULATORY CONSULTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$177,280; EXTENDING THE COMPLETION DATE ONE YEAR TO JUNE 30, 2026; AND APPROVING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM THE

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt a resolution approving a Third Amendment to the contract with ES Engineering Services, LLC., a limited liability company, for landfill regulatory consulting services, in an amount not to exceed \$177,280; extending the term of the contract from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2026; authorizing and directing City Manager to execute the same; and approving a budget appropriation from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$177,280 into the appropriate budget account.

## **BACKGROUND:**

ES Engineering Services, LLC., provides professional services for the City's landfill regulatory compliance requirements and reporting. Continued support from ES Engineering through the next fiscal year is needed to provide regulatory and reporting continuity through the existing Cell III final closure and Cell IV opening, requiring an amendment.

## **DISCUSSION:**

On December 14, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 316-21 approving a contract with ES Engineering Services, LLC., to provide landfill regulatory and Phase III closure services through 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (i.e. approximately \$100,000 per year).

On August 29, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 164-23 (CM) approving first amendment to Contract amending the scope of work, increasing the contract by \$150,000, and extending the term through November 30, 2024.

A second amendment increasing compensation by \$50,000 and extending the contract term from November 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025 was approved by Council on November 12, 2024 in Resolution No. 232-24 (CM) to cover the cost of services for the remainder of the fiscal year.

With the Cell III final closure report and Cell IV opening in review by the State regulatory agency (CalRecycle) and the City planning to continue receiving solid waste at the existing landfill resuming in March 2025, continuity of regulatory and reporting consulting services is needed for an additional year, requiring a third amendment to the contract.

ES Engineering has a long history of providing regulatory services to the City of Watsonville related to the operation of its landfill. Their staff have been instrumental in keeping the facility safe, compliant and in good standing with the regulatory community, including CalRecycle and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Landfill activity requirements such as: surface emission monitoring, Greenhouse Gas Reporting, Joint Technical Document, Ground Water reporting, closure/post closure documents, leachate reporting, non-water corrective action plan, and engineering/design drawings, are all performed by or through ES Engineering.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This is consistent with the following strategic plan:  
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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The contract amendment will require a budget appropriation from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund [0740] to budget account 740-575-7361 in the amount of \$177,280 to cover the full cost of the amendment.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

None known at this time

**ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):**

None.