



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GREEN
RECOMMENDED BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE RECYCLED WATER FACILITY ELECTRICAL UPGRADES, PROJECT RW-25-01

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve plans and specifications and call for bids for the Recycled Water Treatment Facility (RWTF) Electrical Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND:

Plans and specifications have been completed for the Recycled Water Facility Electrical Upgrades, Project RW-25-01, requiring Council action.

DISCUSSION:

Carollo Engineers completed a study of the RWTF in 2024 to provide a condition assessment and recommendations for equipment and operational improvements. One recommendation was to plan to replace the existing 350 horsepower (hp) variable frequency drives (VFDs) and smaller MCC VFDs, and to add modifications to the existing electrical equipment to allow for connection of portable standby power in the case of an emergency or planned shutdown.

On September 10, 2024, Council approved Resolution No. 182-24 (CM) awarding an engineering design contract to Beecher Engineering, Inc., for the recommended electrical project described above. The scope of the project was coordinated with the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) who reimburses the City for the operation, maintenance and repair costs associated with the City's Recycled Water Treatment Facility.

The plans and specifications have been prepared, and the engineer's estimate for this project is \$1,350,000.

The City's Project Labor Agreement is not applicable to this project as it will employ less than three labor trades.

Staff therefore recommends that Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the call for bids for the RWTF Electrical Improvements Project.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15301(b), because it involves the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing electrical equipment for a publicly-owned sewerage utility. Further, none of the exceptions to the CEQA exemption apply. This is because the project will have no impacts on environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern and will not result in or contribute to cumulative impacts. There are no unusual circumstances associated with the project that would result in a significant effect on the environment, nor would the project impact scenic resources. The project is not situated on a hazardous waste site, and would not impact any historic resource. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action is consistent with Strategic Plan Goal:

02 - Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact at this time. An appropriation of funds in the Recycled Water Operation and Maintenance budget will be requested at the time of contract bid award.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

Printed set of plans and specifications on file at City Clerk's Office