



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025  
**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**WRITTEN BY:** ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR GREEN  
**RECOMMENDED BY:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG  
**APPROVED BY:** TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER  
  
**SUBJECT:** AWARDING BID TO TELSTAR INSTRUMENTS, INC. FOR THE RECYCLED WATER FACILITY ELECTRICAL UPGRADES PROJECT NO. RW-25-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$584,864.00

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution awarding a construction contract to Telstar Instruments, Inc., a corporation, for the Recycled Water Facility Electrical Upgrades Project No. RW-25-01 in the amount of \$584,864, and authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the contract.

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### BACKGROUND:

The Public Works and Utilities Department has completed the public bidding of the Rider Tank Rehabilitation Project No. WA-25-14826 and the project is ready to be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

### DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Title 7, Chapter 14 of the City of Watsonville Municipal Code, formal bids for the project were received and publicly opened on February 6, 2025, at 3:05pm through the City's electronic bidding platform. The following bids were received:

Contractor	Base Bid	Add Alternate	Total Bid
<i>Telstar Instruments</i>	<i>\$511,284</i>	<i>\$73,580</i>	<i>\$584,864</i>
True Blue Automation Services	\$700,000	\$195,000	\$895,000
Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction	\$885,500	\$113,000	\$998,500
CSI Services	\$1,284,000	\$305,000	\$1,589,000

The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was determined to be Telstar Instruments, Inc. The lowest bid is well below the planned budget of \$1.2 million, allowing sufficient budget to award both the base bid and the add alternate. Staff therefore recommends that Council award the contract to Telstar Instruments, Inc. in the total amount of \$584,864.00, and authorize and direct City Manager to execute the construction contract.

### **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:

#### **Infrastructure & Environment**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This project is planned in the new Recycled Water Facility Capital Improvements budget for fiscal year 25/26 within the Sewer Enterprise Fund 532, which does not have a budget account number assigned yet. The City owns, maintains, and operates the Recycled Water Treatment Facility, and the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) reimburses the City for these costs, including this project which is also in their fiscal year 25/26 budget.

### **ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time. This project is necessary to keep the RWTF properly functioning and producing recycled water to help protect the Pajaro Valley groundwater basin.

### **ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):**

None.