



Watsonville
CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 8, 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: AWARD CONTRACT TO WALLACE GROUP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON THE MILES LANE SEWER PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT, NO. SS-22-14798, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$199,709

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution awarding a contract to Wallace Group, a California Corporation, for construction management services for the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project, No. SS-22-14798 in an amount not to exceed \$199,709 to be paid from the Sewer Enterprise Fund, and authorize and direct City Manager to execute same.

BACKGROUND:

The Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project was bid and the construction contract is recommended by staff for award under a separate Council meeting agenda item. Construction Management and Inspection services are needed to support staff in the successful delivery of the project to the community.

DISCUSSION:

In June 2024 a Request for Qualification Statements from Consulting Engineering Firms for On-Call Professional Engineering Services including Staff Augmentation, Design, Construction Management and Inspection was advertised. Statements of Qualifications were due July 11, 2024, at which time a total of 24 were received. The selection committee determined that 22 of those firms were qualified to provide on-call services for the variety of on-call services requested.

From the qualified construction management firms on the on-call list, Wallace Group was selected as the most suited to provide these services specifically on the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project due to their expertise in these types of projects and their successful similar work on another City pump station project for the Water Division that is currently in construction. The two projects occurring concurrently will allow the City to receive economy of scale in Wallace Group's Construction Management and Inspection services and allow for seamless coordination with Public Works engineering staff, and saving on overall cost for these services.

The City does not have sufficient in-house engineering and inspection staff to dedicate solely to this project, which is what would be required to help ensure the successful completion of its construction. Staff therefore recommends that the City Council award an engineering consultant contract to Wallace Group to provide this needed construction management and inspection services support, in an amount not to exceed \$199,709.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

Approval of the professional services agreement is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty based on substantial evidence in the record that the approval constitutes a government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4).) Further, the approval is an administrative activity that would not have the potential to either (1) cause a direct physical change in the environment or (2) cause a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

The CEQA determination for the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation construction project itself is described in the construction contract award recommendation under a separate item before Council on this same meeting agenda. That project is Categorically Exempt under Guidelines Section 15302 (c), Class 2, replacement or reconstruction, because the project involves the replacement or reconstruction of existing public sewer utility system facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity;

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Executing this consultant contract is consistent with Strategic Plan Goal:

Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This project has been planned in the Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Improvements project since 2020 and has been carried forward since, awaiting the completion of design and a successful bid process. There is sufficient budget available in account 911-7835-14798 to cover the total amount of this consultant contract which is \$199,709.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

None.