



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, July 8, 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:** AWARDING BID TO ACCO ENGINEERED SYSTEMS, INC. DBA GEO H. WILSON MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE WWTF BOILER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365,149.00

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution awarding a construction contract to ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc. dba Geo H. Wilson Mechanical Contractors, a corporation, for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Boiler Replacement and Improvements Project in the amount of \$365,149.00, authorizing and directing City Manager to execute the contract, and finding the project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2(c)).

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### BACKGROUND:

The Public Works & Utilities Department has completed the public bidding of the WWTF Boiler Replacement and Improvements Project, and it 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 June 25, 2025, at 3:05pm through the City's electronic bidding platform. The following bids were received:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
<b>ACCO Engineered Systems dba Geo H. Wilson</b>	<b>\$365,149.00</b>
Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction	\$375,000.00
Bayview Engineering & Construction Co.	\$484,423.00

The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was determined to be ACCO Engineered Systems, in the amount of \$365,149.00. The engineer’s estimate for the project was \$300,000. This project will install the boiler pre-purchased by the City from R.F. McDonald to replace the existing digester gas boiler that has reached end of life.

Staff therefore recommends that Council award the construction contract to ACCO Engineered Systems and authorize and direct City Manager to execute the construction contract.

### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:**

The WWTF boiler replacement project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 Categorical Exemption Class 2(c), in that the project involves the replacement of existing equipment in existing publicly-owned wastewater treatment utility system involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and none of the exceptions to the CEQA exemption apply because 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 or historic resources.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Award of this construction contract is consistent with Strategic Plan Goal:

#### **Infrastructure & Environment**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The total amount of this construction contract is \$365,149.00. There is sufficient budget available in the Sewer Enterprise Fund budget account 911-7855-14328 WWTF Infrastructure Repairs and Equipment Replacement to cover the cost of this contract.

### **ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

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

None.