



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: WASTEWATER DIVISION MANAGER TELLEZ
RECOMMENDED BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FLOCCULANT POLYMER CHEMICAL AND DELIVERY

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a first amendment to the existing contract for the purchase of flocculant polymer chemicals and delivery services from Polydyne, Inc., dba SNF Polydyne, Inc. a sole source provider, increasing the contract amount by \$420,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$670,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment; and finding the project exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15301.

The amendment authorizes increasing the contract amount by an additional amount of \$420,000, for a revised total not to exceed \$670,000, funded by the wastewater enterprise fund.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Watsonville Wastewater Division uses polymer chemicals to enhance solids separation, dewatering, and effluent quality in both the wastewater treatment and recycled water facilities. SNF Polydyne, Inc. has consistently provided these polymers and associated delivery services with reliable service and technical support.

On August 26, 2025, Council adopted Resolution No. 222-25 (CM) approving a contract in the amount of \$250,000. Due to continued operational needs and polymer demand, an amendment to increase the contract by an additional \$420,000 is now necessary.

DISCUSSION:

Polydyne, Inc. remains the current provider of polymer chemicals tailored to the City’s wastewater and recycled water treatment process. These polymers were tested and confirmed to be the most effective and cost-efficient for Watsonville’s system.

The City continues to perform jar and pilot testing with other manufacturers. However, due to immediate treatment needs and state regulatory requirements, continued supply from Polydyne is required. To ensure uninterrupted operations, staff is requesting an amendment to the existing contract in the amount of \$420,000, bringing the total authorized contract amount to not exceed \$670,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

Adopting a Resolution approving an amended contract for the purchase of polymer chemicals does not meet CEQA’s definition of a “project,” as the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Even if the approval of the contract were a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it consists of the operation of an existing facility with no expansion of existing use.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Historically, the wastewater division has spent approximately \$650,000 annually on polymer purchases and delivery. The original contract authorized \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

This amendment authorizes an additional \$420,000, for a revised total of \$670,000. Funding will be drawn from:

- Wastewater operational budget account 710-530-7551 (\$200,000.00)
- Recycled water operational budget account 710-532-7551 (\$220,000.00)

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternative is known. Polymer is required to meet state regulatory requirements for wastewater and recycled water treatment.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

- 1) Sole Source Letter from SNF Polydyne dated July 21, 2025
- 2) Original Contract Authorization – August 26, 2025