



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2026
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: SOLID WASTE DIVISION MANAGER SMITH
RECOMMENDED BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVE CONTRACT WITH EUROFINS ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING SOUTHWEST, LLC. FOR GROUNDWATER ANALYSIS SERVICES FOR LANDFILL REGULATORY COMPLIANCE, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,997.00 FOR 3 YEARS

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution awarding and approving a contract between the City of Watsonville and Eurofins Environmental Testing Southwest, LLC. to perform landfill groundwater analysis services for three (3) years, in an amount not to exceed \$160,997.00 and authorize and direct City Manager to execute the same.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Watsonville (City) owns and operates an existing Class III Sanitary Landfill which is regulated by the State Water Board and CalRecycle. The Central Coast Region of the State Water Board issued a Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) for all Sanitary Landfills to determine compliance with the General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2020-0001. The City has requested proposals from three laboratories qualified to perform this regulatory groundwater testing and is ready to award a contract to Eurofins.

DISCUSSION:

The State Water Board groundwater sampling requirements in the MRP is required on a semi-annual basis, and it is performed in the months of March (selected wells), and September (all wells) of each year per Table A-1 of the MRP. All samples collected during each event are analyzed for the analytes are listed on Table A-2 of the Order. In addition, every 5 years, samples from all wells collected during the September

monitoring events are also analyzed for Constituents of Concerns (COCs) per Table A-3 of the MRP. Next COC sampling is scheduled for September 2027.

The City’s landfill consultant, Montrose Environmental Group, oversees the City’s landfill groundwater testing and analysis. In December 2025, they requested professional service proposals from three qualified laboratories to perform the annual and five-year groundwater sampling required by the State Water Board. Three qualified firms submitted written cost proposals: Eurofins, Pace Labs, and Enthalpy Lab. As all laboratories are equally qualified, the City selected the firm with the lowest cost proposal, which was Eurofins Environmental Testing Southwest, LLC. The total annual contract amount is under \$100,000, but the combined three-year contract term amount exceeds City Manager’s signing authority, requiring Council approval.

Staff therefore recommend that a contract be awarded to Eurofins Environmental Testing Southwest, LLC. in a total amount not to exceed \$160,997.00 over a term of three years for the required annual and one-time five-year regulatory groundwater testing and analysis.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution awarding contract to Eurofins Environmental Testing Southwest, LLC. for landfill groundwater testing and analysis services does not meet CEQA's definition of a “project,” because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and if a “project,” is exempt under the “common sense” exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This contract is consistent with the following Strategic Plan Priority:

Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost for this contract is not to exceed \$160,997 for three (3) years. There is sufficient budget to cover the cost of this three-year contract in the Solid Waste Fund budget account 740-575-7361.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time. If the landfill groundwater testing is not completed, the City will be out of compliance with the State Water Board.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

None.