



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

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Submitted on:
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Department Name: PW/LCSD
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works
Contact: Martin Wilder, P.E. LCSD Manager
SUBJECT: Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of the Membrane Filtration Pump and Process Skid at the Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation Plant

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors acting as the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve plans and specifications for maintenance and repairs of the membrane filtration pump and process skid facility at the Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation Plant, Project TRTFLT; and,
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached contract with Cushman Contracting Corporation (a local vendor) in the amount of \$831,226 for this work, subject to the provisions of the documents and certifications as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by California Law; and
- c) Authorize the Public Works Department director, or designee, to approve change orders in connection with the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$80,000; and
- d) Determine that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, no substantial changes in circumstances have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures have occurred, and

therefore the recommended actions are within the scope of prior environmental review for this project under the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the *Total Dissolved Solids Reduction and Recycled Water Project* (BRINEX) adopted by the Board on April 18, 2000 and no new environmental document shall be prepared for this project.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to consider approval of an agreement with Cushman Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$831,226 for maintenance and repair of membrane filtration pump and process skid facility at the Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation Plant, Project TRTFLT, as well as a contingency in the amount of \$80,000 for a total contract amount of \$911,226. The project services components that are over 20 years old and, have met or exceeded their planned useful life, and are in need of repair or replacement. The work is considered maintenance pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22002(d)(5) and was not bid.

Discussion:

The project consists of maintenance, repair, and replacement of the original skid constructed for the tertiary filtration process facility that was part of the Total Dissolved Solids and Recycled Water Project (BRINEX) approved by the Board of Directors on April 18, 2000 and commissioned in 2003. The BRINEX project environmental review was documented in a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration dated April 2000 approved by the Board of Directors on April 18, 2000, which is available for review at <https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/945c76e0-d26f-4561-946d-75294fe4e434> or at the District's office. The repair and maintenance of the facilities previously analyzed is within the scope of the prior environmental review. The pump, process, electrical and control systems have met their useful lives with several components showing signs of wear, corrosion, and deterioration. The proposed maintenance work is to keep, operate, and maintain a publicly owned water, power, or waste disposal system facility and is therefore not a public project pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22002(d)(5) and does not require bidding procedures.

Background:

Laguna County Sanitation District operates a wastewater reclamation facility that serves the Orcutt and southern Santa Maria area. The treatment facilities have been constructed over time with major plant upgrades occurring in 1960, 1974, 1986, 2001 and 2023. The 2001 upgrade, constructed by Cushman Contracting, Inc., was a regulatory compliance project to reduce total dissolved solids and changed treated effluent water from undisinfected secondary recycled water to disinfected tertiary recycled water, which was included an initial recycled water distribution phase. Part of the plant work included the installation of a proprietary membrane filtration facility designed and manufactured by Veolia Water Technologies (formerly Suez Water Technologies & Solutions and parent company of Zenon) comprised of membrane tanks, ultrafiltration membranes with support systems consisting of aeration blowers, water pump and pipe systems, chemical dosing pump and piping systems, electrical cabinets, and instrumentation and control panels and systems installed on a skid. The skid components as well as certain parts of the piping and other tank facilities are now outdated, showing signs of significant wear and corrosion and needs maintenance, repair and replacement with most components meeting their useful lives. For this reason, staff negotiated a purchase order contract with Veolia, Inc. in the amount of \$1,564,975.65 executed on June 17, 2024 based on a bid waiver approved by the Board on September 19, 2023. The skid system is scheduled to arrive in October of this year.

The installation work to keep this system operational is considered maintenance pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22002(d)(5) and does not require bidding procedures. A scope of work was negotiated with Cushman Contracting, Inc. Staff finds that the proposal is reasonable, and acceptable, and therefore, recommends approval of the agreement. Work is projected to begin upon equipment arrival and be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Performance Measure:

The expected outcome is satisfactory installation of a critical utility system necessary for the proper operation of the Laguna County Sanitation District reclamation plant.

Contract Renewals:

The agreement is with an experienced local vendor, competent in the field of mechanical systems construction. Cushman Contracting, Inc. is a County vendor and has been engaged with the District on several prior works.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The proposed work is budgeted from District capital expenses for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Fiscal Analysis:

The contract amount of \$831,226 and contingency amount of \$80,000 will be funded from Fund 2870, Program 6000, Line Item 8200, as Project TRTFLT.

Special Instructions:

Request the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified minute order and the fully executed agreement to Kevin Thompson at the Laguna County Sanitation District administrative office in the North county Public Works Building at 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455 or by email at kethomp@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Agreement with Cushman Contracting, Inc.

Contact Information:

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