



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** AUGUST 20, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS

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**TITLE:** EXPENDITURE OF STORMWATER OPERATING BUDGET FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FY 24/25 WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM TO MEET NPDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution approving the 2NDNATURE quote for the FY 2024/2025 water quality monitoring and reporting program in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution approving an expenditure in the amount of \$225,000 for services related to the implementation and reporting of water quality monitoring requirements as stipulated in the City of Salinas NPDES Permit (Permit No. CA0049981) for Permit Year 2024-2025.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Salinas was issued its current stormwater NPDES permit from the Central Coast Water Board (CCWB) in 2019. Attachment D of the NPDES permit outlines the minimum sampling, analysis, and reporting requirements the City must implement in its water quality Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) to be compliant with the NPDES permit. The Salinas stormwater MRP addresses the following:

- Urban Catchment Monitoring
- Receiving Water Monitoring
- Background Receiving Water Monitoring
- TMDL Program Monitoring

Ideally, results from the MRP can be utilized to assess pollutant loading to our local waterbodies as a result of activities within the City as well as from activities outside of our City limits (agriculture); these results help determine the success of the implementation of stormwater management activities in addition to identifying areas that require further mitigation. This

program implements water quality monitoring whose results are more representative of discharges from the City's urban areas. The monitoring results from this MRP will provide data from which to make more informed programmatic decisions for implementation of the City's stormwater program.

The City currently has a Master Services Agreement (MSA) with 2NDNATURE approved by Council Resolution 21374 on May 1, 2018. Additionally, on March 6, 2023, this MSA was extended until May 1, 2024, via Amendment 1 and then further extended to October 1, 2025, via Amendment 2 on April 23, 2024, with a not to exceed amount of \$2,500,000. 2NDNATURE and their team of subconsultants includes scientists and technicians highly qualified and well regarded in the field of stormwater monitoring and stormwater program implementation. Staff requested that 2NDNATURE provide a cost proposal for required MRP services for permit year 2024/2025. The sampling and monitoring required per the NPDES permit is detailed in the proposal provided by 2NDNATURE. In the attached proposal (Exhibit A), Table 1 details the sampling requirements (frequency and monitoring constituents). The proposal provided by 2NDNATURE was reviewed by City Public Works staff and was found to be consistent with the MSA and compliant with the NPDES permit, and reasonable for the work necessary to be completed for the current stormwater permit for fiscal year 2024/2025.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approval of the expenditure is in alignment with the City's Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability by maintaining compliance with all regulatory permits and furthering the City's sustainability goals.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

There is coordination with the Environmental Maintenance Wastewater staff during monitoring site maintenance and sample bottle collection.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funding is available and appropriated in 6500.50.5126 (Storm Sewer- NPDES).

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Resolution 21374 Approving 2ndNature Master Services Agreement Dated May 1, 2018

Signed Amendment 1 to the Master Services Agreement Dated March 6, 2023

Signed Amendment 2 to the Master Services Agreement Dated April 23, 2024  
Exhibit A - Scope of Work for FY 24/25