



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: March 24, 2026
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
FROM: DAVID JACOBS, DIRECTOR
TITLE: MONTEREY ONE WATER AGREEMENT FOR PRETREATMENT AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING SERVICES AND OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to execute an agreement with Monterey One Water for pretreatment and water quality monitoring services operation and maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$380,000 annually from April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031 .

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

M1W has been providing pretreatment, water quality monitoring and inspections since 2005. Entering into this agreement will allow M1W to continue providing the services per the General Order from California Regional Water Quality Control Board. The General Order requires the City to implement a Pretreatment Program for source control and compliance monitoring of discharges to the IWTF.

BACKGROUND:

Since January 2005, M1W has provided support services for the City operated Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility (IWTF) and Industrial Wastewater Collection and Conveyance System (IWCCS). In February 2018, the City entered into the Water Quality, Operation and Cost Sharing Agreement (“Agreement”) with M1W to continue to provide such services. On September 20, 2020, amendment Number 1 was executed to extend the Agreement to December 31, 2025. Per mutual agreement the Agreement was further extended to March 31, 2026, to give both parties time to develop a new agreement.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (“Regional Water Board”) enrolled the IWTF into General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2004-0066 (“General Order”) to regulate its operations. Per the General Order, the City must implement a Pretreatment Program for source control and compliance monitoring of discharges to the IWTF. The Pretreatment Program requires pretreatment, water quality monitoring, and periodic inspections of Discharger facilities.

Staff believe MIW is uniquely qualified to provide pretreatment and water quality monitoring services both in terms of familiarity with the IWCCS, qualifications and the ability for personnel to respond in a timely manner. MIW is a recognized leader in providing wastewater collection, treatment, disposal, and recycling services throughout Monterey County. The MIW team will consist of staff from Operations Maintenance, Field Maintenance, Laboratory, Source Control, Engineering and Administration Departments who have successfully teamed together to provide contract operations and maintenance services for similar wastewater facilities.

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). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No because the agreement is between two public agencies.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This action supports the Council’s goals of Infrastructure and Public Safety. Compliance with the regulatory permits allows the IWTF to continue operations and provide a needed service.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Public Works coordinated with the City Attorney’s office to finalize the Agreement. In addition, the City coordinates closely with MIW to solicit grants, implement grant funded infrastructure, and strategize on regional water issues as they relate to the Salinas IWCCS.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The total estimated annual cost for the scope of work contained in the Agreement is \$380,000. The remaining budget in the account will finish off this year. Additional budget will be included as part of the Biennial Budget process.

Fund	General Ledger Number (Operating/CIP)	General Ledger Account Name	Remaining Budget Appropriation	Amount Requested
6200	50.5441-63.5900	Outside services-Other professional	\$170,174	\$380,000

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Agreement for Operation, Maintenance and Water Quality Monitoring Services