



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

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TITLE: AWARD OF INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution awarding the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility, Sludge Removal Project to American Process Group, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the recommended motion.

BACKGROUND:

The City owns and operates an Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility (IWTF) that exclusively processes wastewater predominantly from agricultural processing facilities. The IWTF consists of collection and conveyance piping, pump stations, storage and percolation ponds, drying beds and an aeration lagoon for treatment and disposal. Regulatory requirements and proper maintenance of the facility necessitate that the sludge, which accumulates in the aeration lagoon be removed on a regular basis and doing so will help improve the lagoon's treatment capability.

Depth measurements of the lagoon, indicate that more than sufficient quantity of sludge to schedule removal. Historical records documenting sludge removal from this lagoon have not been located.

Typically, contractors are required to mechanically dewater the sludge, and then manage and dispose of it at an appropriate facility (Class 3 landfill or permitted land application). Dewatering of the sludge will occur on-site at the IWTF.

The sum of all items in the table below comprises the basis of bid award. The contract will be awarded to the contractor that submitted the lowest bid.

BID RESULTS – SLUDGE REMOVAL, CIP 9794

Contractor	Total Base Bid
American Process Group	\$1,677,060
Merrell Bros	\$N/A
Synagro	\$1,904,000

The lowest bidder for the Sludge Removal contract is American Process Group, Inc with total base bid of \$1,677,060.

Work on this project could begin next month depending on weather and the availability of the contractor. The contract completion is anticipated to by the end of 2021.

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.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The proposed project and agreement meet the City Council's Strategic Plan Initiatives of Investment Strategies/Risk Management, and Operational Efficiencies.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Public Works coordinates its Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility through shared management responsibilities between the Wastewater and Waste, Waste and Energy Divisions.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The total cost is \$1,677,060 which will be funded by CIP account 5800.50.9794-66.4000 (Improvements) which is allocated entirely from the Industrial Waste Enterprise Fund 6200. There is a total of \$3.2 million available in this CIP account to fund these services for Fiscal Year 2021/22 and thus sufficient funds to complete the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Bid Tabulation Sheets – Attachment A