



Staff Report

TO: City Council

FROM: Thaxton Van Belle, Director of Water Reclamation
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DATE: September 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Works Agreements for the Construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Capital Improvement Project (CIP) WW24-01

Description: Award a Public Works Agreement for Civil Work (Bid Package 1) to Innovative Construction Solutions in the amount of \$3,383,857 and Landscape Work (Bid Package 2) to Southern California Landscape in the amount of \$598,905.

Background and Analysis:

After the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Salt Mitigation project was completed, several additional site improvements were identified to enhance operational efficiency, stabilize the site, and upgrade areas that were not part of the original construction scope. These improvements include, but are not limited to, a Vactor dump station, parking lot, landscaping with dust and erosion control, replacement membrane pumps, entry gates, drainage work, and non-potable water system improvements.

On June 24, 2023, Council authorized the award of a design contract with Webb and Associates for improvements to the WWTP, including a dump station, parking lot, vehicular gates and landscaping.

On January 16, 2024, staff provided an update on the WWTP Site Improvements project, including the entry monument and landscaping. Three conceptual plans with varying levels of landscape were presented, and staff received feedback from the City Council.

On May 7, 2024, Council approved an amendment to the PSA with Webb Associates to design non-potable water system improvements to ensure the reliability of process water and delivery of recycled water to the proposed landscaping, as well as a secondary access road to the WWTP from Veile Avenue. Subsequently, final plans and specifications were prepared for these improvements. During the design, staff identified other plant deficiencies and have addressed these in the final plans. The project was

divided into separate bid packages comprising of civil work and landscape work. The scope in bid packages 1 and 2 are coordinated and intended to be constructed as a single project.

On November 13, 2024, Bid Package 1 was advertised for pre-qualification of contractors, and on December 20, 2024, it was advertised for bids.

On February 4, 2025, three (3) bids from pre-qualified contractors were received and publicly opened, but the bid cost substantially exceeded the project budget at the time.

Subsequently, the City Council rejected all bids on March 18, 2025, and approved staff to prepare revised bidding documents addressing a bid bust and incorporating value engineering, and to re-advertise for new bids in accordance with the established bidding procedure.

Civil Work (Bid Package 1)

On June 6, 2025, the City rebid Bid Package 1, and on July 22, 2025, the City received four (4) bids.

The following is a summary of the received bids, excluding the additive alternates:

1. Innovative Construction Solutions	\$3,357,857
2. R2Build	\$3,734,288
3. SCW Contracting Corporation	\$3,661,243
4. Metro Builders	\$4,004,236

Innovative Construction Solutions is the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder. No bid challenges were received.

Additives

The lowest responsive bidder was determined based on the base bid as explicitly stated in the bid advertisement. The City also included bid additives as part of the bid advertisement. An additive bid item is a separate component of a project that can be added to the base bid depending on available funds. It allows the City to expand the scope of work without committing before knowing the base bid amount.

Therefore, City staff is recommending including the bid upon additives to the contract.

- Additive – Blower Room pipe bracing and evaporative cooler \$26,000.

The proposed total contract amount, including base bid and additives, is \$3,383,857

Landscape Work (Bid Package 2)

On July 15, 2025, the City issued Bid Package 2, and on August 14, 2025, the City received four (4) bids.

The following is a summary of the received bids, excluding the additive alternates:

1. Southern California Landscape	\$523,325
2. Superb Engineering	\$537,712
3. Mariposa Landscapes	\$571,978
4. Marina Landscape	\$764,167

Southern California Landscape, Inc. is the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder. No bid challenges were received. The landscape bid package includes a demonstration garden as well as embankment protection, dust control, and a building monument made of rammed earth.

Additives

The lowest responsive bidder was determined based on the base bid as explicitly stated in the bid advertisement. The City also included bid additives as part of the bid advertisement. City staff is recommending including Additives 1 and 2 to the contract.

- Additive 1 – Streetscape package \$41,020.
- Additive 2 – East Planting Bed package \$34,560.

The proposed total contract amount, including base bid and additives, is \$598,905.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated to be \$500.

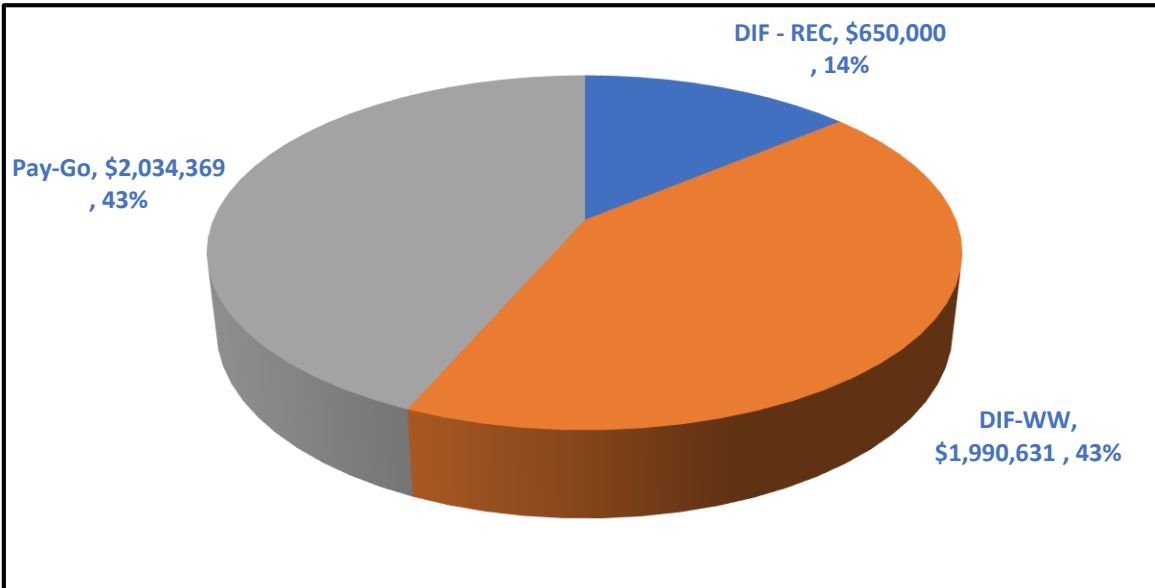
The total of all proposed contract work is \$3,982,762, and the total of all contingencies is \$398,276, for a project total of \$4,381,038.

Construction cost for the Project will be paid from the WWTP Improvements Project (CIP WW24-01). The following is a summary of the Project budget and funding:

CIP WW24-01 WWTP Improvements Project Funding Summary

Estimated Total Project Budget= \$4,675,000

Current Project Budget= \$4,675,000



CIP WW24-01 WWTP Improvements Project Budget Summary

Project Component	Est. Total Budget	Current Budget	Paid to Date	Remaining Budget
Project Management				
Preliminary Services				
Environmental				
Design	\$264,680	\$264,680	\$(88,113)	\$176,567
Permits				
Right-of-Way				
Construction	\$4,410,320	\$4,410,320	\$(53,583)	\$4,356,737
Construction Management				
Equipment				
Total	\$4,675,000	\$4,675,000	\$(141,696)	\$4,533,304

Recommended Action:

Award and authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Agreement to Innovative Construction Solutions in the amount of \$3,383,857 for Bid Package 1 of CIP WW24-01 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements;

Approve a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$338,386 for contract change orders and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to \$338,386 for a total bid package 1 budget of \$3,722,243;

Award and authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Agreement to Southern California Landscaping in the amount of \$598,905 for Bid Package 2 of CIP WW24-01 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; and,

Approve a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$59,890 for contract change orders and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to \$59,890 for a total bid package 2 budget of \$658,795.

Attachments:

- A. Innovative Construction Solutions Bid
- B. Southern California Landscape, Inc. Bid
- C. Public Works Agreement – Innovative Construction Solutions
- D. Public Works Agreement – Southern California Landscape, Inc.
- E. Slides