



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 24, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Council members

**FROM:** Engineering Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Purchase Order For The Maintenance And Repair Of The El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester No. 1 Lining

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Find that it is in the best interest of the City to waive formal bidding requirements section 4.52.070(L) of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a Purchase Order with Olympos Painting, Inc., in the amount of \$191,000 for maintenance and repair of the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester No. 1, and authorize the Public Works Director to approve expenditures up to \$19,100 to cover any cost increases that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### Background

On June 10, 2014, Council approved a Construction Contract to clean two digester tanks and replace related appurtenances at the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The cleaning of Digester No. 2 started in September 2014, and included the replacement of the valves and piping. When the Digester No. 2 tank was emptied in November 2014, an inspection revealed that the lining was compromised and would need to be replaced. This was not a part of the original scope of work for this tank as the lining was projected to last another 10 years.

Therefore, since the cleaning contractor did not perform lining work, the City bid the Digester No. 2 lining work separately, and entered into a contract with Olympos Painting, Inc., (Olympos) in January 2015. The lining of Digester No. 2 was completed in May 2015, and the tank was placed back into service.

The cleaning contract continued with work on Digester No. 1, and in August 2015, the tank was taken out of service and emptied. An inspection of the empty Digester No. 1

tank revealed the need for lining repairs on this digester as well, similar to the work performed on Digester No. 2.

Project Description

The maintenance and repair work now proposed for Digester No. 1 includes repairing the existing joint seals located inside the tank between the roof and the walls, restoring the de-laminated concrete on the roof and on the existing roof access manway, sealing exposed bolt holes, and lining the tank.

Due to the fact that Olympos is familiar with the City's digesters' intricate operational and maintenance requirements because of their prior lining work on Digester No. 2, which was completed on-time and under budget, staff is recommending that it is in the best interest of the City to waive formal bidding requirement and enter into a purchase order with Olympos. They are a locally certified painting services contractor who can provide the City with a quick response time for maintenance (see attached quote). Their proposed quote is comparable to their former Digester No. 2 lining contract, which was competitively bid.

Additionally, because of the lengthy process and expense of taking a digester out of service and preparing it for repairs, staff is recommending that the repairs and lining work on Digester No. 1 be completed immediately, while the tank is empty, and before the winter season begins.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Wastewater Capital Fund to cover the cost of this project. The following summarizes project costs:

<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	
Olympos Agreement	\$191,000
Extra Services	\$19,100
Project Management (by City Staff)	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$235,100</b>

At its meeting on November 9, 2015, the Board of Water Commissioners voted in support of Staff's recommendation.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Rebecca J. Bjork, Public Works Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office