



Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 9, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Contract For Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program Services

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services contract with Larry Walker Associates (LWA), in a form approved by the City Attorney, in the amount of \$33,086 to provide required revisions to the City's Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program (Pretreatment Program) and authorize the Public Works Director to approve expenditures of up to \$3,309 for extra services of LWA that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Clean Water Act requires that all wastewater treatment plants treating more than five million gallons per day develop and implement a Pretreatment Program in compliance with federal regulations. Changes to the federal regulations governing the development and implementation of the Pretreatment Program necessitate the modification of certain City documents. The City received results of an audit of the City's Pretreatment Program by the State Water Resources Control Board that require changes to the City's Program, including that various City documents, including the City's Municipal Code, be modified to comply with the revised regulations.

The proposed scope of work is necessary to modify the Pretreatment Program to meet current regulations. LWA will also provide assistance to the City in its efforts to update its Sewer Use Ordinance and related documents, as well as providing guidance in the collection of data needed to review the local discharge limits established to control discharges of pollutants from local industry to the City's sewer. The required work is extremely technical in nature and we do not have sufficient staff availability and expertise to accomplish the work in a timely manner.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

In 2010, LWA was one of two firms that submitted proposals in response to the City's requests for proposals which was sent to five firms. LWA has provided similar services for numerous other public wastewater agencies with pretreatment programs. Staff is currently requesting that Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute the new contract

with LWA that builds on the preliminary work and includes the required revisions to the City's Pretreatment Program documentation.

There are sufficient funds in the Wastewater Operating fund to cover the revised professional consulting services.

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