

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
SHIPPING AND FREIGHT SERVICES
CONFIRM AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE
OF PURCHASE ORDERS TO
FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION

In November 2020, a purchase order in the amount of approximately \$100,000 was issued to Federal Express Corporation (FedEx) to provide shipping and freight services for a one-year period. Due to supply chain issues and increased fuel costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, costs for FedEx services rose substantially. In

addition, FedEx has been used by the Districts for more shipments than expected due to social distancing guidelines and closures of vendors' facilities. As a result, an additional \$30,000 was added to the original purchase order bringing the total to \$130,000. Authorization is also requested for issuance of purchase orders to FedEx for the next three years. Issuing multi-year purchase agreements is an effective and efficient method of procurement. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship, commitment to provide transparent communication to our Boards and the public, and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as purchasing agent, to confirm the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of approximately \$130,000; and authorize issuance of a purchase order for three-year terms, in the amount of approximately \$140,000 per year for shipping and freight services with Federal Express Corporation.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to confirm the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of approximately \$130,000; and authorized issuance of a purchase order for a three-year term, in the amount of approximately \$140,000 per year, for shipping and freight services with Federal Express Corporation.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - STATE
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY
ADVOCACY SERVICES - AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO
EDELSTEIN GILBERT ROBSON & SMITH LLC

Each year Districts' staff reviews, tracks, and comments on numerous state legislative proposals and administrative agency regulatory actions that may impact Districts' operations. To enhance the Districts' advocacy efforts, a Request for Proposals was issued for state legislative and regulatory advocacy services.

Proposals were received from eight firms. Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith LLC was ranked the most qualified to provide the desired services and provided competitive rates. The Purchase Order would be for three years, with two optional one-year extensions. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to provide transparent communication to our Boards and the public; and to plan for both short-term and long-term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith LLC in the amount of approximately \$106,000 per year for three years for state legislative and regulatory advocacy services.

Upon motion of Director Solis duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith LLC for state legislative and regulatory advocacy services, at a cost of approximately \$106,000 per year for three years.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
CLOUD-BASED SEWER FLOW DATA
MANAGEMENT PLATFORM
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF
PURCHASE ORDER TO FLOWWORKS

The Districts uses sewer flow monitoring data for sewer capacity analyses, design of sewer construction and repair projects, stormwater sewer diversion analyses, and long-term capital improvement planning. The flow data management platform currently in use at the Districts is obsolete, requiring significant staff resources

to compile and organize flow data collected from numerous data sources. Due to the current data management system being decentralized, the sewer flow data that is needed by multiple groups is not easily accessible to users. FlowWorks has agreed to a two-year agreement for use of their cloud-based web application, maintenance and support, and professional services required to access, manage, and analyze flow monitoring data. Staff recommends FlowWorks as the best solution to centralize and manage all the flow data collected, as their platform is specifically designed for the water/wastewater utilities, with readily available analytical tools and reporting specific to the industry. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to FlowWorks in the amount of approximately \$450,000 for cloud-based sewer flow data management platform for two-year period.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to FlowWorks for cloud-based sewer flow data management platform for a two-year period, at a cost of approximately \$450,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
CHILLER REPLACEMENTS AT JOINT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
ORDER TO ACCO ENGINEERED SYSTEMS

Two existing chillers at the cryogenic facility at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) provide chilled air for the cryogenic compressor building as well as the cryogenic control room. The two chillers are no longer reliable, and critical repair parts are no longer available or have long lead times. The project includes removal

and replacement of the two chillers. Pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board, the project will be completed utilizing the Job Order Contracting Program which relies on pre-established, competitively-bid construction tasks that will accelerate project delivery and reduce administration and design costs. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The activities described herein do not constitute a "Project" as that term is defined in California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to Acco Engineered Systems in the amount of approximately \$547,989 for chiller replacements at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Acco Engineered Systems for chiller replacements at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, at a cost of approximately \$547,989.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
FURNISH AND DELIVER SODIUM
HYPOCHLORITE TO JOINT WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT, VARIOUS
WATER RECLAMATION PLANTS, AND
PUENTE HILLS GAS-TO-ENERGY FACILITY
AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF
PURCHASE ORDER TO
OLIN CORPORATION

Sodium hypochlorite is used to disinfect final effluent at Districts' wastewater treatment facilities and at the Puente Hills Gas-to-Energy Facility. Olin Corporation has proposed to extend the contract for one additional year and continue to supply sodium hypochlorite at an increase of 10.8 percent above the previous contract. A review of cost increases in shipping, raw materials, and labor has determined that the increase is justified, the proposal is competitive, and it is in the best interest of the Districts to extend at this time. Staff recommends

that a purchase order be issued to Olin Corporation in the amount of \$8,948,345. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a one-year extension of a purchase order to Olin Corporation in the amount of approximately \$8,948,345 to furnish and deliver sodium hypochlorite to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, various water reclamation plants, and the Puente Hills Gas-to-Energy Facility.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with Olin Corporation to furnish and deliver sodium hypochlorite to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, Various Water Reclamation Plants, and Puente Hills Gas-To-Energy Facility, at a cost of approximately \$8,948,345.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY AND
ACCEPTANCE OF FOOD WASTE SLURRY
AT JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
PLANT - SMC GREASE SPECIALIST, INC.
CONTRACT NO. 5389 - APPROVE

The Districts operates a food waste recycling program at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP). Processed food waste slurry is received and co-digested with wastewater sludge to generate renewable natural gas. SMC Grease Specialist, Inc., (SMC) currently delivers food waste slurry to JWPCP under an agreement that expires December 31, 2021. The new agreement

will allow SMC to deliver food waste slurry at a discounted rate in exchange for delivering a higher quality slurry with more energy potential and a minimum volume for a five-year term. SMC's rate will be \$19/ton for a minimum delivered quantity of 90 tons per day, six days per week. Rates will be adjusted annually using the Consumer Price Index. To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was previously approved for the project by the Board on February 28, 2018. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to provide leadership in our industry through innovation, compliance, and

cost effectiveness. A recommendation was made to approve and order executed an Agreement with SMC Grease Specialist, Inc.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County found and determined that it would be to the advantage of the District to enter into an *Agreement for Delivery and Acceptance of Food Waste Slurry at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant* with SMC Grease Specialist, Inc., providing for delivery of food waste slurry at a discounted rate in exchange for delivering a higher quality slurry with more energy potential and a minimum volume for a five-year term, as set forth in the Agreement and under terms and conditions contained therein. All the terms and conditions of the *Agreement for Delivery and Acceptance of Food Waste Slurry at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant*, Contract No. 5389, dated October 27, 2021, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

CATHY WARNER
Chairperson

ATTEST:

DENISE R. SPRINGER
Deputy Secretary

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