



DATE: December 17, 2014
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Water Utilities Department
SUBJECT: **AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FOR THE SLRWRF DIGESTER NO. 4
CLEANING PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$214,780 to Synagro-WWT, Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland, for San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility Digester No. 4 Cleaning Project; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

The San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility (SLRWRF) was initially constructed in the early 1970s. There have been several expansions and upgrades to the plant over the past 35 years.

The San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility has four Digesters. Digester No. 1 and Digester No. 3 were cleaned in the fall of 2013. Digester No. 4 is the next scheduled digester to be cleaned in order for the Plant to operate efficiently and keep these critical facilities on a regular maintenance schedule. Staff estimates the total volume of the Digester to be cleaned is approximately 100,000 gallons.

Wastewater treatment plant digesters require periodic cleaning to maintain proper treatment levels. Digester No. 4 at the SLRWRF has not been cleaned for over 15 years. It is estimated that 10 feet of grit and other materials have settled in the bottom of the digester which has decreased both the efficiency and capacity of the digester.

ANALYSIS

Staff prepared the contract documents in-house and has worked closely with SLRWRF Plant personnel to coordinate the operation of the Plant while the digester is temporarily out of service. The Contract Documents were completed in July 2014.

The City Council authorized the City Engineer to call for bids on September 10, 2014. On November 25, 2014, one bid was received and publically opened for the project. The bidder is Synagro-WWT, Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland, with a bid in the

amount of \$214,780 (Exhibit A). Staff has reviewed the bid documents submitted by Synagro-WWT, Inc. and find that its bid, bid bond, and references are in accordance with City standards.

FISCAL IMPACT

The current budget in the SLR Digester Rehabilitation account (909123100722) is \$592,575. The contract price is \$214,780 therefore, sufficient funds are available. Sewer Charges for service in Sewer Fixed Asset Replacement account 722.4476.0001 is the funding source.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Utilities Commission received an update at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2014.

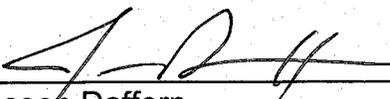
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The bid documents were previously reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form. The construction contract must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The Public Contract Code defines "responsible bidder" as a bidder who has demonstrated the attributes of trustworthiness as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform a public works contract. The City Council also has the discretion to reject all bids and re-advertise.

RECOMMENDATION

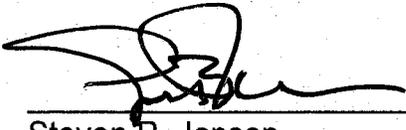
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Exhibit A: Bid Tabulation

BID TABULATION

PROJECT NO.: 909123100722

PROJECT NAME: San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility Digester 4 Cleaning

PROJECT MANAGER: Jason Dafforn

BID DATE: November 25, 2014 at 10am

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE
\$250,000

BIDDER:	ADDRESS:	BID AMOUNT:
1. Synagro-WWT, Inc.	435 Williams Court, Ste 100, Baltimore, MD 21220	214,780.00
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