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City Manager's Report
July 8, 2025 City Council Meeting
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Item #: 7.5

Subject: Consider approving a construction Contract with ERS Industrial Services, Inc., in the amount of \$178,300.00 for the Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Launderers Recoating project (CIP#42607) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same, approving a \$80,000 budget appropriation from the Measure H Fund Construction Reserve for the said project, and finding that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(d).

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution:

1. Approving a construction Contract with ERS Industrial Services, Inc., in the amount of in the amount of \$178,300.00 for the Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Launderers Recoating project (CIP#42607) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.
2. Approving a \$80,000 budget appropriation from the Measure H Fund Construction Reserve the said project; and
3. Finding that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(d).

Purpose: To provide the additional necessary routine maintenance to secondary clarifier No. 1.

Strategic Plan Strategy: Strategy 4 – Update and Maintain City-Owned Infrastructure.

Background: The Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) dates back to 1962. The WRF has undergone major upgrades in 1997 and 2009. The secondary clarifiers, like most of the equipment, are in continuous service every day. Their purpose is to allow activated sludge to settle and be collected. This is accomplished with the assistance of skimmer and sweep arms that move the settleable solids to a pit to be pumped back to the aerobic sludge basin. This equipment requires proper maintenance and periodic inspections and rebuilds to avoid costly emergency repairs. Clarifiers can fail for a myriad of reasons, and when they do, the WRF is subject to no longer meeting its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.

Discussion: The WRF has two primary clarifiers and three secondary clarifiers. If one clarifier is taken out of service each year, then every clarifier will be inspected and rebuilt every five years. In 2022, the central mechanism of Secondary Clarifier No. 1 was replaced through CIP #42108. During that project, significant corrosion was observed, and a protective coating was recommended. The Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Protective Coating project (CIP#42413) was completed in 2024 by ERS Industrial Services, Inc. (ERS). During that project, the scope of work did not specifically include the recoating of the launders. The contract work was performed late in the fall of 2024 and unfortunately

had to be hastily completed due to an impending storm with potential to affect the operations of the plant. Since the additional work to be completed was estimated to be significantly more than the change order limits within the original project contract amount and the work could not be performed before winter, staff decided to create a new Capital Improvement Program project in Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to complete the recoating of the launders in 2025 under a new contract.

Staff solicited quotes for these specialized services and received a bid proposal from ERS to complete the work under the new Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Launders Recoating Project (CIP #42607). Staff is recommending approval of a contract with ERS Industrial Services, Inc. (ERS) in the amount of \$178,300.00. Staff is also recommending approval of the budget appropriation needed to complete the project.

Options:

1. Approve the contract with ERS Industrial Services, Inc. and the budget appropriation, as recommended by staff.
2. Direct staff to take other actions.

Environmental: The project is determined to be Categorically Exempt according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(d) because the project involves the restoration and repair of existing facilities and/or mechanical equipment.

Cost: The cost of the proposed contract with ERS is \$178,300.00.

Budget Impact: The City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget, which appropriated \$100,000 for the Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Launders Recoating project (CIP#42607). It was later determined that a more significant level of effort would be needed to complete the project, and staff is respectfully recommending approval of an additional budget appropriation from the Measure H Fund Construction Reserve in the amount of \$80,000 for a total project budget of \$180,000. The proposed \$178,300 contract with ERS Industrial Services, Inc. is within the proposed \$180,000 project budget.



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Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution