



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, March 09, 2022

SUBJECT

Amendment 1 – Design Phase Services for the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements

BACKGROUND

Built in 1923, the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant is the oldest wastewater facility in El Paso and has undergone several expansions and modifications. Major modifications to the existing aerated grit system were completed in 1995, and a series of odor control improvements began in 2015. The existing grit system has been difficult to maintain and operate for the last six years and is currently not in use. The grit system needs to be replaced to provide grit removal for the entire facility.

In January 2021, the Public Service Board (PSB) approved a professional engineering services contract with Garver, LLC for preliminary engineering services to carry out an alternatives analysis and basis of design study for the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements project.

Improvements recommended under the original contract scope include a new vortex-style grit system, new dewatering building with grit dewatering equipment and disposal, and new odor control system. Amendment 1 is to complete the design and bid phase services of the recommended improvements.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES SUPPORTED

Improve Infrastructure

EVALUATION PROCESS

Staff worked with Garver, LLC to develop the scope of services required for Task Order 2 on this project. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated for the defined scope of work. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the task and consistent with similar work completed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient funds are available in Account Number 2902, and the funding source is the Water and Sewer Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bonds Series 2022.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and approve Amendment Number 1 to the professional engineering services contract awarded to Garver, LLC for the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements project for design phase services in the amount of \$1,336,398.51; authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction phase services in the estimated amount of \$750,000 provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments and authorize the use of commercial paper.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

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