



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

Wednesday, July 09, 2025

SUBJECT

Ratification and Approval of an Increase in the Capacity of the Contract with Sunstate Equipment Co., LLC (Sunstate)

BACKGROUND

EPWater has a contract with Sunstate approved under the administrative authority of the President/CEO for the provision of essential site safety equipment used for EPWater field maintenance, repair and installation projects. The usage under this agreement exceeded the current authorized contract amount of \$50,000. Staff requests that the Public Service Board approve the ratification of an additional estimated amount of \$200,000 in expenditures incurred under the current contract and authorize an additional estimated amount of \$400,000 to cover projected operational needs through the upcoming bid process. This safety equipment is critical to maintaining the health and safety of field personnel and the residents. The Utility will bid these services in the coming months.

PRIOR PSB ACTION

- None

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Infrastructure Performance

EVALUATION PROCESS

Staff recommends the approval of the ratification and increase to the current contract with Sunstate pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code to preserve and protect the health or safety of the residents. The safety equipment provided by Sunstate is essential for trench safety, manhole operations, and emergency response activities. Sunstate has provided all the necessary equipment to meet the needs of EPWater.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient funds are available in various accounts. This expenditure is part of the FY 2025-26 budget.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and approve the ratification of an additional estimated amount of \$200,000 in expenditures beyond the administratively approved contract amount with Sunstate Equipment Co., LLC for site safety equipment pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code, a procurement necessary to preserve and protect the health or safety of the residents and authorize the increase of the current contract by an additional estimated amount of \$400,000 pursuant to the same procurement exemption.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

- None