



PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

SUBJECT

Amendment Number 2 – Construction Administration Services for the Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Improvements – Part 2

BACKGROUND

The Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant (RRBWWTP) headworks facility was originally constructed in 1992 and replaced in 2002. The plant is currently undergoing a capacity upgrade by replacing and expanding the existing headworks through a phased construction approach using the Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) method.

In July 2020, the Public Service Board (PSB) approved a Pre-Construction Services Agreement with MGC Contractors, Inc. to serve as the CMAR for the project. Construction began through a series of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) work packages. In September 2021, the PSB approved a professional engineering services contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to provide construction administration services for the early work package. Amendment Number 1 was approved in April 2022 to continue support through GMP 2.

Due to emergency repair work at the plant and extended construction activities, additional time is required to complete the work. The ongoing construction effort requires continued construction administration services, including project management and coordination, office engineering, special inspections, assistance with testing and operating system verification, and preparation of an electronic operation and maintenance (O&M) manual

PRIOR PSB ACTION

- On September 8, 2021, the PSB approved a professional engineering services contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$284,591, and authorized up to \$250,000 in future task orders.
- On April 13, 2022, the PSB approved Amendment Number 1 in the amount of \$1,970,193 and authorized up to \$6,000,000 in future task orders for additional design and construction administration services.

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Improve Infrastructure

EVALUATION PROCESS

In November 2018, EPWater selected Carollo Engineers, Inc. (Carollo) through the Request for Submittals (RFS) selection process to provide professional engineering services for the RRBWWTP Headworks Improvements project. Carollo has served as the engineer of record throughout the design and construction phases of the project.

Staff recommends continuing to utilize Carollo, the engineer of record, under a new amendment to the existing professional services contract to provide additional construction administration services. The scope of work includes continued project management, field coordination, construction observation, special inspections, submittal reviews, response to Requests For Information (RFI), payment processing, and support through commissioning and startup activities.

In accordance with Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, Carollo continues to be the most qualified firm to perform this additional work based on their prior involvement and technical expertise. A fee proposal was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated to ensure it is consistent with the expected level of effort and duration of services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This expenditure is part of the approved budget.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and approve Amendment Number 2 to the professional engineering services contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for additional construction administration services for the Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Improvements – Part 2 project in the amount of \$2,900,000; authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction administration services in the estimated amount of \$2,000,000; and amend the term of the agreement by an additional three years.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

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