



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

SUBJECT

Ratification of quick lime expenses and authorization of an emergency contract with L'hoist North America of Texas, LLC (L'hoist) for the purchase of quick lime.

BACKGROUND

Quick lime is required for ongoing utility operations and treatment processes at the Fred Hervey Water Reclamation Plant and the John T. Hickerson Water Reclamation Facility. It is used in the treatment process for pH adjustment, high-lime treatment, and dewatered sludge stabilization. Quick lime is necessary to support operations at these facilities and to continue to protect the public health and safety of customers and to comply with regulations.

The contract with L'hoist ended in October 2025. A bid was issued for the quick lime on April 19, 2026. Due to the public health and safety need to continue to purchase quick lime, EPWater incurred expenses for the purchase of quick lime in the amount of \$641,263.19 from October 2025 through June 2026. Staff requests ratification of the expenses in the amount of \$641,263.19 and authorization of an emergency contract with L'hoist in the amount of \$500,000 to ensure continuity of supply while a longer-term procurement solution is completed pursuant to the bid exemption under Section 252.022(a)(2), procurement necessary to preserve the public health or safety of the EPWater customers.

PRIOR PSB ACTION

- On October 12, 2022, the Public Service Board approved Contract No. 79-22 Quicklime with Austin White Lime Company, LTD.
- On October 9, 2024, the Public Service Board approved the consent to assignment of Contract No. 79-22 Quicklime to L'hoist North America of Texas, LLC.

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Infrastructure Performance

EVALUATION PROCESS

Quick lime is a critical treatment chemical used at the Fred Hervey Water Reclamation Plant and the John T. Hickerson Water Reclamation Facility. L'hoist is the previous material provider and has been a reliable source of quick lime. Staff continued purchasing quick lime from October 2025 through June 2026 in order to maintain treatment operations and avoid interruption of service. This emergency purchase order meets the public health and safety bid exemption under the state procurement law.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This expenditure is part of the approved budget.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion and action on the ratification by the Public Service Board of quick lime purchases from L'hoist North America of Texas, LLC from October 2025 through June 2026 in the amount of \$641,263.19 pursuant to the bid exemption under Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Government Code, procurement necessary to preserve the public health or safety of the EPWater customers and approval of a new emergency contract pursuant to the Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Government Code with L'hoist North America of Texas, LLC in the amount of \$500,000 for the purchase of quick lime.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

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