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**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2026**

**SUBJECT**

Professional Engineering Services for Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Various Improvements Project (Project)– Construction Administration and Resident Project Representative Services – Part 2

**BACKGROUND**

The Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant is undergoing multiple capital improvements to address aging infrastructure, maintenance challenges, and operational needs through the Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Project.

Souder, Miller and Associates, Inc. (SMA) provided construction administration and Resident Project Representative services for the plant grit removal system improvements phase of the CMAR Project through EPWater's On-Call Construction Management Services contract. The available capacity under the on-call contract has been exhausted, and additional professional engineering services are required to continue supporting the project through construction.

To maintain continuity of construction-phase services, EPWater proposes entering into a new professional engineering services agreement with SMA. The scope includes construction management, project coordination and administration, construction observation and documentation, field engineering and inspection, and review of requests for information and submittals.

**PRIOR PSB ACTION**

- On May 10, 2023, the Public Service Board awarded professional engineering services contracts for On-Call Construction Management Services – RFQ 14-23, including a contract with Miller Engineers, Inc. dba Souder, Miller & Associates.

**UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT**

Infrastructure Performance

**EVALUATION PROCESS**

SMA was selected through the RFQ 14-23 On-Call Construction Management Services procurement and has provided construction administration and Resident Project Representative services for the CMAR project.

Staff recommends continuing to utilize SMA under a new professional engineering services agreement based on the firm's prior work, knowledge of the project, and experience providing construction-phase services of similar scope and complexity. In accordance with Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, staff determined that SMA is the most highly qualified professional firm to continue these services and maintain continuity through completion of construction.

Staff worked with SMA to develop the scope of services required for the project. The associated fee proposal was reviewed and negotiated, and the proposed fees are consistent with the anticipated level of effort required to perform the services.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This expenditure is part of the approved budget.

**PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider and approve a professional engineering services contract with Souder, Miller and Associates, Inc for construction administration and Resident Project Representative services for the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Various Improvements – Part 2 project in the amount of \$565,666 and authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional professional services in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED**

- None