PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 10, 2026

SUBJECT

Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Construction Contract for the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project – Guaranteed Maximum Price Number 11 (GMP 11)

BACKGROUND

The Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant was designed for a treatment flow capacity of 39 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) in 1991. A study conducted in 2019 revealed that the organic treatment capacity of the plant has been reduced to 30 MGD due to increased strength of the wastewater. Further, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires planning an expansion of the wastewater treatment plant once 75% of the plant's flow capacity is exceeded for three consecutive months. In addition to the lower treatment capacity, the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant has reached 75% of the permitted flow capacity due to growth in east El Paso, requiring EPWater to expand the plant to an increased capacity of 51 MGD.

The project is divided into two phases. Phase 1 involves the construction of a new 21.4 MGD treatment train. Phase 2 includes the rehabilitation of the existing 39 MGD infrastructure to restore 9 MGD of treatment capacity. Upon completion of both phases, the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant will gain a total of 30.4 MGD in treatment capacity.

This agenda item requests approval of GMP 11, including Bid Package 15 for process equipment installation. The work includes five clarifier mechanisms; fine-bubble diffusers in the aeration basin; and equipment in pump rooms and stations, chemical buildings, and solids-handling buildings. It also includes staging, rigging and hoisting, assembly, installation, coordination with other trades, manufacturer review, and support during commissioning.

PRIOR PSB ACTION

- On August 14, 2019, the Public Service Board approved a Professional Engineering Services Contract with Hazen and Sawyer, Inc. for the design of the Bustamante Plant Expansion Project.
- On July 13, 2022, the Public Service Board approved the Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) preconstruction agreement with PCL/Sundt, a joint venture (PCL/Sundt).
- On August 14, 2024, the Public Service Board approved the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 1 for early work packages and procurement of materials for Phase 1.
- On October 9, 2024, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 2 for procurement of additional materials and headworks modifications for Phase 1.
- On November 13, 2024, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 3 for the liquid train concrete work.
- On January 8, 2025, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 4 for the electrical work package.
- On February 12, 2025, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 5 for the generator and switchgear work package.
- On May 14, 2025, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 6 for the primary and secondary clarifiers, earthwork, excavation support systems, cranes, and additional general conditions expenses.
- On July 9, 2025, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 7 for the yard pipe package and additional general conditions expenses.
- On October 8, 2025, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 8 for various subtrades and equipment work packages.

- On March 11, 2026, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 9 for architectural, building systems, equipment-related improvements associated with the Phase 1 expansion, and additional general condition expenses.
- On August 12, 2026, the Public Service Board approved an amendment to the CMAR construction contract agreement with PCL/Sundt, accepting GMP 10 for building systems, site utility, and equipment-related improvements associated with the Phase 1 expansion.

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Total Water Supply

EVALUATION PROCESS

In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, PCL/Sundt publicly solicited competitive sealed proposals for the bid packages included in GMP 11. PCL/Sundt was the sole respondent to the solicitation for Bid Package 15 – Process Equipment Installation. EPWater staff and the Engineer of Record (Hazen and Sawyer, P.C.) evaluated the proposal using the published criteria, including firm experience with similar projects, preliminary work plan, superintendent resource availability, safety record, financial information, and overall bid price. Selection was made based on best value criteria and qualifications.

PCL/Sundt submitted the GMP 11 proposal to self-perform in the amount of $24,572,768. This amount includes the direct construction costs from the competitively procured work packages, insurance, bonds, and the CMAR fee. EPWater staff, in coordination with the engineer of record, reviewed the proposal and entered into negotiations with the CMAR. Staff recommends approval of GMP 11 in the negotiated amount of $24,572,768. The submitted cost reflects current market conditions and has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This expenditure is part of the approved budget.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and approve an amendment to the Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) construction contract with PCL/Sundt, a joint venture, for the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Improvements project and accept Guaranteed Maximum Price Number 11 (GMP 11) in the amount of $24,572,768.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

- GMP 11 Proposal Breakdown

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Date	**OCT 14, 2026**
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BE Number	**BE26-54-1256**
Opportunity No	
Owner File No	**RFP 62-22**
Estimator	**Kevin Goetz**

PCL/SUNDT, A JOINT VENTURE

GENERAL ESTIMATE SUMMARY & ITEM ANALYSIS SHEET

CONTROL ESTIMATE

Project	**RRBWWTP GMP 11 12 MO**
Location	**EL PASO, TX, USA**
Owner	
Designer	**HAZEN AND SAWYER PC**

Bid Closing	**FEB 14, 2024**
Project Start	**AUG 08, 2024**
Completion	**SEP 20, 2028**

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General Estimate Summary

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Description	Quantity	UOM	Labor			Equipment			Services / Tools / Supplies		Material		SubContract		Total Cost	
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