



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting August 24, 2021

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Storm Water and Pesticide Application Permitting Services
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CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a five-year service agreement with SWCA, Incorporated, dba SWCA Environmental Consultants, of San Antonio, Texas to provide permitting services, such as reporting, training, and compliance for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in an amount not to exceed \$104,879.00, with FY 2021 funding in an amount not to exceed \$6,992.00.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes a five-year service agreement with SWCA, Incorporated, dba SWCA Environmental Consultants of San Antonio, Texas, to provide services for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) storm water permitting that is required at city industrial facilities and for the application of pesticide.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City is required to obtain and comply with TCEQ storm water management permits for industrial activities at Corpus Christi International Airport, the Marina, Solid Waste and Fleet Maintenance facilities, as well as ongoing mosquito pesticide application. To comply with the TCEQ permitting requirements, the City must renew both the Multisector General Permit (MSGP) and the Pesticide General Permit (PGP), as both permits expire in August 2021. The consultants will prepare and submit the required information on behalf of the City for permit renewal to TCEQ.

Additionally, the consultant will assist the City with all required agency reporting, personal training, and other issues associated with permit compliance.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

Previously, in 2010, there were two agreements for these services. One was with Arcadis of Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the MSGP. The other agreement was with Alan Plummer of Austin, Texas for the PGP in the amount of \$156,000.00. The MSGP agreement, however, did not provide for staff training. The training was instead provided by the City’s Environmental Services Staff.

Staff is recommending one five-year agreement since each of the two permits are for five-year periods and require the aforementioned requisite servicing throughout that period.

Contracts and Procurement conducted a competitive Request for Bid process in April 2021 to obtain bids for new long-term contracts. The City received five bids and is recommending award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, who was SWCA, Incorporated, dba SWCA Environmental Consultants.

SWCA was founded in Arizona in 1981, and now has 32 offices across the United States and has been supporting storm water compliance efforts within Texas for over 10 years. The company has 40 years of experience nationwide. While SWCA intends to support the City of Corpus Christi through their nearest Texas office in San Antonio and Austin, SWCA will utilize local vendors/subcontractors to support areas for laboratory analysis and storm water maintenance efforts. Within Corpus Christi, SWCA will team with Eurofins Xenco to process water samples at their local laboratory facility in an expedited timely manner to ensure accurate analysis for time sensitive analysis. SWCA will also team with the local GeoSolutions office for support on erosion control measures, sediment removal and detention pond maintenance.

SWCA has several certified storm water professionals who thoroughly understand the Clean Water Act regulations and requirements within the United States and how management of those regulations have been authorized to the State level under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program. SWCA also has local certified pesticide compliance professionals to further support the Storm Water Management services contract. Additionally, SWCA has in-depth knowledge of the industrial storm water requirements outlined under the TPDES program, including the Industrial Storm Water General Permit and the Pesticides General Permit, that authorize regulated discharges for the four facility sectors operated by the City. SWCA’s in-depth knowledge across the industrial sectors enables them to provide the City an efficient and informed approach to the specific storm water compliance regulations covering each of the five industrial sites managed by the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative to accepting, the low bid would be to reject all bids and request the project be competitively bid again. However, the bid from SWCA, Incorporated, is responsive and within budget. In addition, any other alternative to accepting the bid from SWCA, Incorporated, would not meet the City’s goal of renewing the required permits before they expire in August 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2021 includes \$6,992.00 to the 4010 Water Utilities fund. The balance will be budgeted in future years through the annual budget process.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	4010 Water Utilities
Organization/Activity:	Environmental and Strategic Initiatives
Mission Element:	074 Environ & Regulatory Review

Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 530000 Professional Services
Amount: \$6,992.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this five-year agreement with SWCA, Incorporated, dba SWCA Environmental Consultants as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Bid Tab
Service Agreement