

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 1, 2018

Item Number: **009**

Purchasing Office

Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Wastewater Transport Services, LLC, to provide continued sludge and sewage pumping, hauling, and disposal, increasing the amount by \$136,903, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$979,515. (Note: This contract was awarded in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. There were insufficient subcontracting opportunities and an insufficient number of certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$136,903 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Water.
Purchasing Language	Contract Amendment.
Prior Council Action	August 4, 2016 - approved original contract, item #37.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Georgia Billela, at 512-974-2939 or Georgia.Billela@austintexas.gov .
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	February 14, 2018 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Lee off the dais and Commissioner’s Kellough and Turrieta absent.

Client Department(s)	Austin Water.
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Additional Backup Information:

The contract with Wastewater Transport Services, LLC provides Austin Water (AW) sewage pumping, hauling, and disposal services in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Department of Transportation regulations. The sewage and sludge is removed from City sewers, wastewater lines, and AW wastewater treatment plants, and then hauled to the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant where it is treated, filtered, and tested before being discharged into the Colorado River.

On August 4, 2016, Council authorized a two year contract with Water Transportation Services, LLC. The contract is currently in the second year of the initial term and will expire August 9, 2018. The contract currently has only \$1,145.75 of available authorization, with no extension options.

An increase in funding is required to continue the services until a new contract is in place. AW normally pumps 3,733,750 gallons of sludge and sewage annually for disposal. As a result of unanticipated maintenance at lift stations and other emergencies, additional, unplanned services have been required under this contract and current funding has been exhausted.

If the City is unable to increase funding, AW will not have the ability to obtain pumping, hauling, and disposing of sludge and sewage, which may lead the City to be out of compliance with TCEQ and EPA regulations.

Contract Detail

	Contract	Current	Requested	Revised
	Term	Authorization	Additional	Total
		Authorization	Authorization	Authorization
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$842,612	n/a	\$842,612
Proposed Amendment			\$136,903	\$136,903
TOTALS	2 yrs.	\$842,612	\$136,903	\$979,515