



**Water & Wastewater Commission  
Review and Recommendation**

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	October 6, 2021	<b>COA Strategic Direction:</b>	Health and Environment, Safety
<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	October 21, 2021		
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing		
<b>Client:</b>	Rick Coronado		
<b>Agenda Item</b>			
Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract with Merrick Industries, Inc., to provide liquid carbon feeders, in the amount not to exceed \$80,945.			
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>			
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Water.			
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Sole Source.		
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	N/A		
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	October 6, 2021 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.		
<b>MBE/WBE:</b>	Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.		

The contract will provide liquid carbon feeders at Davis Water Treatment Plant to enable plant operators to properly dose Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) slurry from bulk storage tanks via two carbon feed pumps. These feeders are vital to the process and the current feeders are approximately 40 years old and have required extensive maintenance in the last two years to keep them running.

The liquid carbon feeder system is manufactured and fitted in form and function solely by Merrick Industries, Inc. and is exclusive to Merrick Technologies, Inc. Austin Water estimates that using any other system will require between \$1.8 million and \$5 million dollars to replumb the designated area to accommodate alternately sourced feeders. The liquid feeders and accessories contain unique characteristics necessitating a sole source purchase.