



# CITY OF SAN MATEO

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## Agenda Report

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Drew Corbett, City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Department

**MEETING DATE:** June 20, 2022

**SUBJECT:**  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Hauling and Disposal – Agreement

### RECOMMENDATION:

Award an agreement to Synagro-WWT, Inc. for Wastewater Treatment Plant biosolids hauling and disposal for three years in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,824,250; approve two, one-year options to extend at \$610,000 each for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$3,044,250; establish a contingency of \$100,000; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the agreement and issue change orders up to the contingency amount in substantially the form presented.

### BACKGROUND:

The wastewater treatment process produces biosolids, which are hauled off-site for disposal on a routine basis. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Hauling and Disposal agreement will provide for the removal of an estimated 25,000 tons of biosolids over a period of 36 months and includes two optional twelve-month extensions.

In accordance with Municipal Code section 3.60.030, a competitive public process was used to obtain bids for this service. Specifications and a Notice Inviting Sealed Proposals were published in May 2022. A mandatory walkthrough was held on May 5, 2022, and three bids were received and opened on May 12, 2022. The three bids received were as follows:

Contractor	Bid Amount (per ton)	Contract Amounts
Synagro-WWT, Inc.	\$72.97	\$1,824,250
Compactor Management Co, LLC	\$71.75	\$1,793,750
S&S Trucking	\$66.25	\$1,656,250

The lowest responsible bidder provides the goods and services according to the agreement requirements for the lowest cost; provided that the bidder has the ability, capacity, and, when necessary, the required State or other licenses to perform the work. While S&S Trucking submitted the lowest bid, they did not attend the mandatory pre-bid walkthrough, making its bid non-responsive to the bid requirements per Section 11.a of the Notice Inviting Sealed Bids. The second lowest bid was provided by Compactor Management Co, LLC, with a bid of \$71.25 per ton. However, Compactor Management has never held a biosolids agreement nor hauled biosolids and only referenced a single point of disposal (a landfill) for the entire agreement. To comply with California SB 1383 requirements for reducing organic materials to landfills, land application is also required as a biosolids disposal option, which this bid did not include. Therefore, the bid from Compactor Management is also non-responsive. Synagro-WWT, Inc. submitted a responsive bid and meets the SB 1383 requirements. Synagro-WWT, Inc. also has 40 years of experience

in the biosolids residuals management business. As a result, staff determined Synagro-WWT, Inc. to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and, therefore, recommends awarding the biosolids hauling agreement accordingly.

The State of California Department of Industrial Relations requires that prevailing wages be paid on public works projects that are more than \$1,000. While the hauling of biosolids does not meet the State's definition of a public works project, the contract documents include prevailing wage requirements to ensure a competitive wage for the service provider.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

This is a three-year agreement and will cover the period between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2025. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Wastewater Treatment Plant operations budget to award this agreement.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

This agreement is categorically exempt from CEQA as an "existing facility," because it consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.)

**NOTICE PROVIDED**

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Att 1 – Agreement

Att 2 – Bid Summary

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