



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

March 6, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Approve a Three (3) Month Extension of the Agreement with Eurofins Eaton Analytical for the Laboratory Analysis of Water Samples**

OVERVIEW

Recommendations - That the City Council:

1. Approve a three (3) month extension of the agreement with Eurofins Eaton Analytical for the laboratory analysis of water samples; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the extension on behalf of the City, subject to final review by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact - Funds for this contract are available in the adopted 2016-2017 Water Operating Budget (571-8129-53885-00000). The anticipated cost for the three-month period is approximately \$35,000.

Previous Related Action – On January 23, 2012 the City Council approved an award of a one year contract, with an option to renew for an additional four years, to MWH Laboratories for the collection and analysis of water and wastewater samples.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff requests to extend the existing contract with Eurofins Eaton Analytical, Inc. (Eurofins) for water laboratory analysis. Water Quality staff is reviewing submittals from laboratory contractors and will need additional time to review all of the data and make a recommendation to City Council. Staff expects to have the review completed in the next few weeks, but request a 3 months extension at this time to have a small overlap of contracts. This overlap will ensure a smooth transition if a different laboratory contractor is recommended.

DISCUSSION

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) mandate regular testing of the City's water supply. The City's Water Treatment/Quality staff takes 50 water samples a week, on average. The City has contracted laboratory analysis services to an independent laboratory since the mid-1990's due to the increase in complexity and testing regiments which requires highly sensitive analyzers. Laboratories are mandated to sustain State and federal certification and are regularly inspected by regulators. The laboratory contract is a cornerstone of the City's annual water quality report and serves as the key foundation for the information in the Consumer Confidence Report.

In 2012, the City Council awarded a contract to MHW Laboratories (MWH) to provide water quality testing and monitoring services. MWH was acquired by Eurofins later that year. Due to the range of services and complexity, the Request for Bids (RFB) development process has taken longer than anticipated. As a result, Eurofins continued to provide services beyond its contract expiration of February 28, 2017.

Approval of the extension to the agreement will enable the City to continue Eurofins to provide services for a three (3) month period beginning March 1, 2017. The services will continue to be provided under the same terms and conditions of the existing Agreement, while a new agreement is completed.

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