

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** June 5, 2018  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Finance Department  
**Presentation By:** Spencer Morrison, Accounting Manager

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**Summary**

**Subject:** Chemical purchase through Bay Area Chemical Consortium (BACC) formal bid and City bid

**Recommendation:** Award contracts for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 based on the lowest responsive bid in all categories, as it is in the best interest of the City.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$803,747: Funds to be drawn from various accounts in both the Wastewater and Water Treatment funds as well as Community Services swimming pool 5130-63701 account. The actual cost may vary based on usage.

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**Purpose:**

To provide chemicals to the Water and Wastewater Treatment plants and swimming pool, at the best prices available.

**Background:**

The contracts are necessary to provide chemicals to be used in the purification of water for human consumption, in the treatment of wastewater, and in the swimming pool water.

**Analysis:**

Two years ago, the Water and Wastewater Departments joined a consortium for the purchase of chemicals. The Bay Area Chemical Consortium (BACC) is a group of sixty-six (66) municipalities and water agencies that have been working together for several years to consolidate all chemical purchases into one formal bid to receive the best possible prices for all agencies. Dublin San Ramon Services District put the bid specification together with all other agencies reviewing their own chemical specifications to assure that all items included in the bid were correct. The formal bid specifications were sent out to multiple vendors for each type of chemical for a total of approximately 50 different vendors.

The recommended awardees by category through the BACC bid are as follows:

Category-Sodium Hypochlorite	
Olin Corp	\$ .7121/gallon
Tracy, CA	

Category-Aluminum Sulfate Chemtrade Parispany, NJ	\$ .6223/gallon
Category-Sodium Hydroxide Univar Kent, WA	\$ .3833/gallon
Category-Fluorosilicic Acid Solvay Houston, TX	\$1.460/gallon
Category-Citric Acid Brenntag Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$8.4191/gallon
Category-Sodium Bisulfite Univar Kent, WA	\$1.772/gallon
Category-Liquid Chlorine Thatcher Company of California Salt Lake City, UT	\$665.00/ton

The BACC does not bid all chemicals that the City uses thus having to conduct our own bid process for two (2) chemicals.

The recommended awardees by category are as follows:

Category-Lime Slurry Lhoist North America Henderson, NV	\$644.96/dry ton
Category-Liquid Oxygen Air Products Allentown, PA	\$ .3579/gallon

No bids were received for Category-Lime Slurry. The City bid this product last fiscal year with the possibility of a one year extension. To keep all the chemicals on the same purchasing cycle we choose not to offer the extension. When no bids were received we offered the extension to the vendor and they accepted. The price is in line with the price from last year.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$803,747 Funding for these purchases is budgeted in the Water and Wastewater fund portions of the budget as well as a Community Services account. The account numbers to be used for these purchases are as follows:

Dept	Account	Account Title	Dept	Account	Account Title
7120	63701	CHEMICALS	7120	63702	CHLORINE
7120	63703	ALUMINUM SULFATE	8120	63702	CHLORINE
8120	63735	SODIUM HYDROXIDE	8120	63733	POLYMERS
5130	63701	CHEMICALS			

**Alternatives:**

- 1) Instruct staff to prepare a new bid
- 2) Award to alternative firm(s)
- 3) Instruct staff to purchase on the open market as required

**Recommendation:**

Award formal bid contracts for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 based on the lowest responsive bid in all categories, as it is in the best interest of the City.

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