



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: A 13-098, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer to approve two future amendments up to ten percent (10%) of the annual amount, which does not significantly alter the scope of services or result in an increase to net county costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Health Department's Public Health Laboratory (PH Lab) serves as the area's Regional Laboratory, and has provided the necessary water testing for a variety of agencies such as, the City of Salinas, City of Soledad, City of Gonzales, Salinas Valley State Prison, City of Hollister, Pinnacles National Monument, and over 100 community water systems. Due to the volume of testing required, PH Lab coordinates testing with other cost-effective laboratories, including BSK Analytical Laboratories (BSK), and ships the samples for the client as a value-added service.

State and Federal regulations require monitoring of drinking water supplies and wastewater discharge for toxic chemicals and disease causing microbes. There has been an increasing utilization of the PH Lab to perform these tests to assure the health and safety of the public.

PH Lab performs microbiological, general mineral and inorganic analysis in-house. Reports of ground water contamination have increased concern over the safety of the local water supply. The California Department of Public Health and the Environmental Protection Agency have mandated that drinking water systems be monitored for specific toxins.

The County's Contracts/Purchasing Officer approved a sole-source justification for establishing an Agreement with BSK, and on July 13, 2010 the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. 11777 for an initial term of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Amendment No. 1 will extend the term for three additional years, for a new term of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2016. The approval of this Amendment No. 1 will ensure that water quality is safe for our local communities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Amendment No. 1 as to legal form and fiscal provisions respectively. A copy of Amendment No. 1 is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

FINANCING:

All costs for these outsourced laboratory tests, including shipping and handling fees, are added to the client's fees and reimbursed to the Health Department as revenue.

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Attachments:

Amendment No. 1 is on file with the Clerk of the Board