



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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Salinas, CA 93901

## Board Report

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- b. Authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer or Contracts/Purchasing Supervisor to approve three (3) future amendments that do not exceed (10%) (\$50,000) of the original Agreement and do not significantly alter the scope of services.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer or Contracts/Purchasing Supervisor to sign a Standard Agreement with BSK Associates not to exceed the amount of \$500,000 for the provision of Environmental Laboratory Testing & Analysis services for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019; and
- b. Authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer or Contracts/Purchasing Supervisor to approve three (3) future amendments that do not exceed (10%) (\$50,000) of the original Agreement and do not significantly alter the scope of services.

### 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.

This work supports the MCHD 2011-2015 Strategic Plan Initiative: 1. Empower the community to improve health through programs, policies, and activities. Additionally, this work supports two of the 10 Essential Public Health Services: 3. Inform, educate and empower people about health issues; and 4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel, Risk Management, and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form, liability and fiscal provisions respectively.

### FINANCING:

There are sufficient appropriations in Health Department's Public Health (HEA003) Requested Budget for FY

2016-17 to accommodate this action. The requested contract is funded 64% through laboratory fee revenue and 36% with Public Health Realignment.

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Attachment:

Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board