

April 12, 2022

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 34352 with United Storm Water, Inc., of City of Industry, CA, for routine storm drain maintenance and repair, and extend the term of the contract to September 30, 2022. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to amend Contract No. 34352 with United Storm Water, Inc. (USW), to continue providing routine storm drain maintenance and repair through September 30, 2022.

On August 2, 2016, the City Council awarded a contract to USW as part of its adoption of specifications No. RFP PW16-131 for providing routine maintenance and repair services on City of Long Beach's (City) storm drains. On May 23, 2017, the City Council authorized an amendment to Contract No. 34352 with USW to increase the contractual authority by \$710,000, for a revised total three-year contract amount not to exceed \$1,745,000, to cover one-time costs associated with emergency storm calls that took place December 2016 to February 2017, and the preparation work done for pump station rehabilitation as recommended by a 2015 assessment study. On March 10, 2020, the City Council authorized an amendment to Contract No. 34352 with USW to increase the contractual authority by \$1,269,045, for a total amount not to exceed of \$3,359,045. On August 3, 2021, the City Council authorized an amendment to Contract No. 34352 with USW to increase the contract amount by \$1,000,000, and extended the term of the contract to April 30, 2022, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,704,045.

The contract with USW includes the annual maintenance, repairs, modifications, as-needed emergency response, and other services needed for the storm drain system. The system must be regularly maintained to minimize flooding during storm events, thereby protecting property from damage and providing for the general safety, health, and welfare of Long Beach residents. Additionally, the City's municipal storm drain system is required to be kept in working order to reduce bacteria and pollutants in storm water runoff into the Los Angeles River.

The unexpected effects created by the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the capacity and ability of Public Works Department staff to prepare and release a formal Request for Proposals (RFP). Extending the term of the contract through September 30, 2022, will provide additional time for staff to complete a new procurement process in accordance with the City's procurement policies without an interruption to services. This amendment

will provide adequate resources to ensure continuity of service and availability of as-needed maintenance and services in preparation for the next rainy season.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-McKinley on March 24, 2022, Purchasing Agent Michelle Wilson on March 15, 2022, and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on March 23, 2022.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to amend Contract No. 34352 is requested on April 12, 2022, to ensure there is no interruption in service.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from amending this contract. The requested action will only extend the term of the contract through September 30, 2022. Sufficient appropriation is budgeted in the General Fund Group in the Public Works Department. Any work not currently budgeted will only proceed at such time as appropriations have been approved by the City Council. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. This recommendation will continue to provide support to the local economy by assisting in the preservation of employment for six full-time employees residing in Long Beach.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER