



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: **Discussion and possible action regarding Task Order No. 5 between the City of Dripping Springs and Carollo Engineers, Inc. for additional final design phase services related to the solids storage and recuperative thickening facility for the South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Expansion. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

Summary/Background: This item is for approval of Carollo Engineers Task Order No. 5 for the South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Expansion. The task order provides scope and budget for final design updates related to the recuperative thickening and solids storage facility as part of the overall WRF project.

The scope includes design of the solids handling improvements, including a new plant WAS pump station, existing plant sludge pump, bolted steel sludge storage tank, thickener and polymer system, thickener feed pump, thickened sludge pump, blowers and diffusers, and related electrical, instrumentation, and controls work.

The original design included a temporary sludge handling facility with dewatering boxes. To accommodate the existing facility along with the expansion, 9 of these boxes would be needed and would need to be supervised 7 days a week 8-12 hours a day.

The additional design work was recommended by the new design team as a more permanent and reliable approach to managing solids that would allow for more flexibility, automation and future expansion with a limited footprint.

The additional design work is expected to take approximately two months. Construction phase and special services are not included and are expected to be addressed under a future Task Order No. 6.

The not-to-exceed amount for Task Order No. 5 is \$199,822, which includes design labor, subconsultant electrical engineering services, markup, and project expenses as shown in Exhibit A.

Recommended Council Actions: Approval of this professional service agreement.

Attachments:

Task Order No. 5

Fee Table

Updated Schedule – Final Design

Next Steps/Schedule:

If approved, the City will execute Task Order No. 5 and Carollo will complete the additional final design work for the solids handling improvements. Proposed Bid Opening date of July 3, 2026. We will come to City Council for approval to move forward and award bid on July 21, 2026.