



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Gray Lahrman, Utilities Director

Council Meeting Date: 08/18/2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order No. 1 for the South Collector Project to include Optional Bid Items No. 1 and No. 2 for Clearing & Grubbing and Silt Fencing. Upon approval, Change Order No. 1 will become effective upon execution of the awarded construction contract between the City of Dripping Springs and Santa Clara Construction, Ltd. for the South Collector Project. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Agenda Item Requestor: Gray Lahrman

Summary/Background: On July 21, 2026, the City Council approved the award of the construction contract for the **South Collector Wastewater Project** to Santa Clara Construction, Ltd. in the amount of **\$4,286,209.00**, with an additional 10% contingency.

The original Request for Bids included two optional bid items: **Clearing & Grubbing** of the project easement and **Silt Fencing**. Both items are necessary to prepare the project area prior to installation of the wastewater infrastructure. During project planning and coordination, City Staff and the project engineers had not yet determined whether this work would be performed under the Driftwood 12-Inch Treated Effluent Line Project or the South Collector Project. As a result, the original South Collector construction contract was awarded without these optional bid items.

It has since been determined that this work should be completed as part of the South Collector Project to allow construction to proceed in a timely manner. City Staff is therefore recommending approval of **Change Order No. 1**, contingent upon execution of the original construction contract between the City of Dripping Springs and Santa Clara Construction, Ltd.

Change Order No. 1 will add **\$137,616.00** to the contract, increasing the total contract amount from **\$4,286,209.00** to **\$4,423,825.00**.

Funding for the South Collector Project, including this Change Order, will be provided through existing **Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) funding**. The revised contract amount remains within the estimated construction costs previously presented to City Council.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

**Recommended
Council Actions:** Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of **\$137,616.00**, contingent upon execution of the original construction contract with Santa Clara Construction, Ltd.

Attachments: Engineer Letter of Recommendation
Change Order No.1 South Collector
South Collector

Next Steps/Schedule: