



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

Council Meeting Date: September 15, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Task Authorization No. 1 with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for engineering services related to the TPDES Major Permit Amendment for the South Regional Wastewater System/Water Reclamation Facility, TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014488003, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Agenda Item Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Summary/Background: The City proposes to authorize Burgess & Niple, Inc. to perform engineering services for a major amendment to the City's TPDES wastewater permit for the South Regional Wastewater System / Water Reclamation Facility, TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014488003. Task Authorization No. 1 is issued under the Engineering Services Agreement effective August 18, 2026.

The project is intended to support an increase in the permitted wastewater-treatment capacity at the Water Reclamation Facility. The consultant's work will include project management and coordination; preparation of the TCEQ administrative and technical major-amendment application; and preparation of the supporting engineering report, including preliminary facility-sizing calculations, growth projections, mapping, and other application-support materials within the authorized scope.

The Task Authorization limits the authorized services to work through submission of the completed application and responses necessary to obtain a TCEQ administrative-completeness determination. Technical-review responses, draft-permit review and comments, public-notice or publication support, contested-case proceedings, protests, SOAH proceedings, litigation, expert-witness services, variances, deficiency responses, stream modeling, and Edwards Aquifer/Contributing Zone permitting are not authorized unless City Council or the City approves a written amendment or an additional task authorization, as applicable.

The consultant will be compensated on an hourly basis at the rates included in Exhibit A. The aggregate amount for authorized services, including authorized reimbursable expenses, may not exceed **\$200,000.00** without a written amendment or additional task authorization approved by the City. The authorization identifies a \$25,000 budget for management and planning and a \$175,000 budget for the permit-application work. Reimbursable expenses are treated as additional services, are actual

cost plus 10%, and are not included in the project budget; any such expenditures remain subject to the stated not-to-exceed cap and the Master Agreement.

The consultant's proposal anticipates approximately 12 months to obtain an acceptable draft permit from TCEQ, assuming the application is not contested. The schedule remains dependent on information and work by the City's other consultants and on TCEQ review periods. No schedule adjustment authorizes additional compensation or services without prior written City approval.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

N/A

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Staff recommends approval of Task Authorization No. 1 with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for engineering services related to the TPDES Major Permit Amendment for the South Regional Wastewater System / Water Reclamation Facility, TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014488003, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, and authorization for the City Administrator to execute the Task Authorization.

Attachments:

Task Authorization No. 1 (TPDES Major Permit Amendment WQ0014488003) — Burgess & Niple, Inc.