

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: AUGUST 5, 2014

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - 5-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE CLEANING OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS

SOURCE: FIELD SERVICES - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

COMMENT: The City of Porterville Wastewater Treatment Facility's (WWTF's) most recent 5-year digester cleaning contract expired in April 2014. The WWTF is seeking approval to rebid a new 5-year contract for the cleaning of its four (4) anaerobic digesters.

The primary purpose of the anaerobic digestion process is to stabilize the organic solids collected and generated during the wastewater treatment process, resulting in a reduction of organic solids. The anaerobic digesters require periodic cleaning to remove the buildup of grit and other inert material, which reduce digester capacity and efficiency. Funds are available in the WWTF Operating Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize staff to advertise for a 5-year contract for the cleaning of its four (4) anaerobic digesters.

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