



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2026

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ITEM TYPE: Agenda Item

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Discussion of HMGP Water Plant Generator Project Status and Contractor Concerns

BACKGROUND:

The City of El Campo entered into a contract with J4 Fencing and Services, LLC (J4) for the HMGP Water Plant Generator Project following a competitive bidding process in which J4 submitted the lowest responsible bid.

During the course of the project, J4 has raised concerns related to project delays, design clarification, and increased material and equipment costs. The contractor has attributed these concerns to issues involving plan details, specification interpretation, and the duration of the submittal review process. J4 has requested a meeting with City leadership to present its position.

City staff, in coordination with the project engineer, have reviewed the concerns raised. The engineer of record has indicated that the circumstances described do not meet the requirements for a change order under the contract documents and has not accepted responsibility for the delays cited. Additionally, standard contract provisions place responsibility for procurement timing and associated cost risks on the contractor.

At this time, no change order or contract amendment has been approved. Any increase to the contract amount would require City Council approval.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS: