

Agenda Item:

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Meeting Date:

July 23, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Clayton Watkins

Date: 2026-07-09

Subject: Award of Bid #26-2613 for the replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Return Activated Sludge (RAS), Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) and Filter Feed Pumps Replacement Project to TLC Diversified, Inc., in the amount of \$1,955,810.

Presenter(s): Alejandro Gonzalez, P.E., Engineer II

Staff Recommendation: Motion to award Bid #26-2613 for the replacement of the WWTP Return Activated Sludge (RAS), Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) and Filter Feed Pumps Replacement Project to TLC Diversified, Inc., of Palmetto, FL, in the amount of \$1,955,810.

Strategic Themes: Infrastructure, Planning & Growth

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: Funds for this project are budgeted in the Water / Wastewater Utility Fund, in Acct. #441-5265-535-056301-WU, under Project #552404.

Past Action: March 19, 2024 - Commission awarded a General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Service Task Assignment to Ardurra Group, Inc., during their Work Session Meeting, under Agenda Item #2.c.

Next Action: Commence construction following the issuance of a 'Notice to Proceed' (NTP), subject to Commission approval of award recommendation.

Attachments: [A. Purchasing Manager Memo - Bid #26-2613 WWTP - RAS, WAS, & Filter Feed Pump Replacement.pdf](#)
[B. Bid Tabulation - 26-2613 WWTP RAS-WAS-Filter Feed Pump Replacement.signed.pdf](#)
[C. TLC Bid Submittal.PDF](#)
[D. Letter of Recommendation of Award - Engineer of Record.pdf](#)

Background:

The City of Dunedin's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is equipped with three (3) sets of critical pumps that circulate the wastewater throughout the plant as part of the treatment processes. If these pumps were to become inoperable the WWTP would cease to function as intended, resulting in improperly treated wastewater. The three (3) sets of pumps are: the Return Activated Sludge (RAS), Waste Activated Sludge (WAS), and the Filter Feed pumps. There are three (3) RAS pumps in operation at the WWTP which re-circulate wastewater once past the clarifiers, to the biological treatment basins. There are two (2) WAS pumps that transfer the wastewater for dewatering and sludge removal. Lastly, there are three (3) Filter Feed pumps that transfer wastewater to the Denitrification Filters, which continue the treatment process, ultimately producing Reclaimed Water for distribution.

In 2024, WWTP staff became aware some of the RAS and WAS pumps repair parts are becoming obsolete by the pump manufacturer, and thus now difficult to obtain. As a result, should those now obsolete pumps fail, staff would be unable to perform repairs and the WWTP would cease to properly operate.

For these reasons, this project was included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) approved by Commission, and funded as the WWTP - RAS, WAS, and Filter Feed Pump Replacement Project. Staff subsequently solicited, and in 2024 the Commission awarded a Task Assignment to one of the City's (GEC) General Engineering Services Consultants, Ardurra Group, Inc., to provide design, permitting, and construction management services for the replacement of the three (3) referenced sets of pumps.

The Engineering Construction Plans were completed in March 2026. The project (Bid #26-2613) was subsequently competitively advertised and bid as described in the attached Purchasing Manager's memorandum. Eight (8) bids were received, ranging in cost from \$1,955,810 to \$2,977,585. City staff, as well as the Engineer of Record (EOR), reviewed all of the bids and determined TLC Diversified, Inc., to be the lowest cost, responsive, and responsibly bidder, in the amount of \$1,955,810.

As such, staff hereby recommends awarding Bid #26-2613 for the WWTP - Return Activated Sludge (RAS), Waste Activated Sludge (WAS), and Filter Feed Pumps Replacement Project to TLC Diversified, Inc., of Palmetto, FL, in the amount of \$1,955,810, as detailed herein.