



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors

**Meeting Date:** April 7, 2022

**Staff Contact:** Carol Akers, Purchasing & Contracts Administrator and Andy Hummel, Wastewater Utility Manager

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed \$90,000 increase in Fiscal Year ("FY") 2022 purchase authority, beyond the previously approved \$320,000, for the purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach) utilizing a City of Tucson ("Tucson") joinder contract (#212528) with Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc. ("Thatcher"), resulting in a new not to exceed amount of \$410,000 for FY 2022. (Carol Akers, Cakers@carson.org and Andy Hummel, Ahummel@carson.org)

Staff Summary: If approved, the \$90,000 increase in purchase authority will be used to purchase important chemicals for the treatment of City wastewater. The joinder contract with Thatcher allows for semi-annual price adjustments, and inflation and severe market disruptions have resulted in a 57% price increase over the last year.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion

**Time Requested:** Consent

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### **Proposed Motion**

I move to approve the increase in purchase authority.

### **Board's Strategic Goal**

Efficient Government

### **Previous Action**

On June 17, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved FY 2022 purchase authority for the purchase of Bleach utilizing joinder contract #212528 between Tucson and Thatcher, for an annual not to exceed amount of \$320,000 (File No. 21300005).

### **Background/Issues & Analysis**

Bleach is utilized for disinfection of treated wastewater prior to discharge to the reuse system and is a vital part of the treatment process to ensure pathogens are removed. Pathogen removal is a requirement of the City's NDEP regulatory permit. Residual levels are monitored and adjusted multiple times a day to ensure efficient use while maintaining minimum levels necessary for treatment.

Carson City purchases Bleach from Thatcher under a joinder contract which allows for price adjustments every six months to adjust for price fluctuations and inflation. Over the last two periods, the price for Bleach has risen from \$1.18/gallon to \$1.85/gallon, an increase of 57%. These unexpected price increases, as well as the importance of Bleach to the City's wastewater treatment system, have necessitated this request to increase the FY 2022 purchase authority.

Joinder contract being utilized:

Contract# 212528 between Tucson and Thatcher, expires 9/30/22

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

NRS 332.195

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** Yes

**If yes, account name/number:** Wastewater Chemicals Account 5103201-500637  
Water Chemicals Account 5203502-500637  
General Fund / Aquatic Facility Chemicals Account 1015055-500637

**Is it currently budgeted?** Yes

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** If approved, the increased purchase authority of \$90,000 for FY 2022 will come out of the Wastewater Chemicals Account 5103201-500637 for a new total amount of \$360,000. Budget transfers have been made to increase the Chemicals budget in the Wastewater Fund to \$544,000, leaving an available budget of \$131,732.

The additional accounts will remain as previously approved:  
Water Chemicals Account 5203502 500637 for \$40,000  
General Fund / Aquatic Facility Chemicals Account 1015055 500637 for \$10,000

**Alternatives**

Do not approve the increase and/or provide alternative direction to staff.

**Attachments:**

[Thatcher Chemicals Cooperative Contract Summary.pdf](#)

[Approved BOS staff report #12B-06-17-2021.pdf](#)

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
	2) _____	_____
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## Thatcher Chemicals

Water Treatment Chemicals

[Overview](#)[Contract Documentation](#)[Resources](#)

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### Water Treatment Chemicals (Polymers and Misc.)

#### City of Tucson, AZ

**Contract Number: 212528**

October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

Option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods through September 30, 2025

RENEWED THROUGH September 30, 2022

#### Executive Summary

- [Executive Summary](#)
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#### Master Agreement Documents

- [Official Signed Contract](#)
- [Contract Award Letter](#)
- [Contract Amendment 1](#)
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#### Response Evaluation

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#### Solicitation Process

- [Original RFP Document](#)
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## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors

**Meeting Date:** June 17, 2021

**Staff Contact:** Carol Akers, Purchasing & Contracts Administrator and Andy Hummel, Wastewater Utility Manager

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding authorization to purchase Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach) utilizing a City of Tucson ("Tucson") joinder contract (#212528) with Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc. ("Thatcher") for a not to exceed amount of \$320,000 through June 30, 2022, and authorization for the Purchasing & Contracts Administrator to extend the joinder contract when Tucson's contract with Thatcher is renewed. (Carol Akers, Cakers@carson.org and Andy Hummel, Ahummel@carson.org)

File No.  
21300005

**Staff Summary:** The Carson City Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments are looking to utilize a joinder contract between Tucson and Thatcher to purchase Sodium Hypochlorite (12.5%) for use at the wastewater treatment plant, quill treatment plant and the aquatic center for pool disinfection. The contract between Tucson and Thatcher will expire on September 30, 2021, but Tucson has the unilateral right to renew for four, one-year terms, subject to price renegotiation at renewal.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion

**Time Requested:** Consent

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### Proposed Motion

I move to approve the purchase authority as requested and authorize the City's Purchasing & Contracts Administrator to extend the joinder contract once renewed by the City of Tucson.

### Board's Strategic Goal

Efficient Government

### Previous Action

N/A

### Background/Issues & Analysis

This is an annual request; purchase amount exceeds \$50,000 and therefore requires Board of Supervisors' approval pursuant to City policy.

Contract being utilized:

(Joinder) City of Tucson with Thatcher

Contract# 212528 (expires 9/30/21, with option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year periods through September 30, 2025)

<https://www.omniapartners.com/publicsector/suppliers/thatcher-chemicals/contract-documentation>

City of Tucson will be renewing the contract in Early August.

### Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

NRS 332.195

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact? Yes**

**If yes, account name/number:** Wastewater Chemicals Account 5103201-500637  
Water Chemicals Account 5203502-500637  
Parks General Fund Chemicals Account 1015055-500637

**Is it currently budgeted? Yes**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** If approved the \$320,000 for FY22 will come out of the Accounts listed.

-Wastewater Chemicals Account 5103201 500637 for \$270,000 currently budgeted in FY 2022 at \$261,000, small difference of \$9,000 will come from roll-forward savings in FY 2021 total wastewater budget, and will be added to FY 2022 budget.

-Water Chemicals Account 5203502 500637 for \$40,000, currently budgeted in FY 2022 at \$124,964. (\$90,000 diatomaceous earth contract plus this \$40,000 equals \$130,000) small difference of \$5,036 will come from roll-forward savings in FY 2021 total water budget, and will be added to FY 2022.

-Parks General Fund Chemicals Account 1015055 500637 for \$10,000 currently budgeted in FY 2022 at \$25,020

**Alternatives**

Do not approve purchases and provide alternative direction to staff.

**Attachments:**

Thatcher Contract Summary.pdf

City of Tucson-Email.pdf

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: approve

- 1) MW
- 2) SJ

Aye/Nay

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