



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** September 15, 2022

**Staff Contact:** Carol Akers, Purchasing & Contracts Administrator and Darren Schulz, Public Works Director

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed \$309,000 increase in Fiscal Year ("FY") 2023 purchase authority, beyond the previously approved \$160,000, for the purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite ("Bleach") utilizing joinder contract 212528 between the City of Tucson ("Tucson") and Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc. ("Thatcher"), resulting in a new not to exceed amount of \$469,000 for FY 2023. (Carol Akers, cakers@carson.org and Andy Hummel, ahummel@carson.org)

Staff Summary: If approved, the \$309,000 increase in purchase authority will be used to purchase important chemicals for the treatment and disinfection at the City's water, wastewater and aquatic facilities for the remainder of FY 2023. The joinder contract between Tucson and Thatcher was recently renewed for another year, through September 30, 2023.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** Consent

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### **Proposed Motion**

I move to approve the purchase authority as requested.

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

Efficient Government

### **Previous Action**

July 7, 2022 – The Board of Supervisors approved \$160,000 in purchase authority, through September 30, 2022, for Bleach through joinder contract 212528.

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

Over the past 18 months, bleach prices have nearly doubled due to inflation and market shortages. Prior to seeking this additional purchase authority through joinder contract 212528, staff investigated other Bleach suppliers and Bleach prices paid by other agencies. That investigation showed that the current joinder contract pricing for bulk Bleach is better than the City can expect to receive through other procurement methods.

The current pricing under joinder contract 212528 for bulk Bleach is \$2.47 per gallon delivered. This price is guaranteed through the end of January of 2023, with an increase allowed every six months. Local agencies not on a joinder contract are currently spending approximately \$4.00 per gallon delivered. In addition to favorable pricing, Thatcher has been able to reliably perform under joinder contract 212528. City staff was able to locate one different supplier to the local area; however, that supplier was not able and willing to commit to reliable delivery over the course of FY 2023, which is a crucial problem because the City requires reliable access to Bleach for the operation of its water and wastewater facilities.

Joinder contract being utilized:

Tucson and Thatcher

Contract #212528, expires September 30, 2023, with two remaining options to renew for one year each

<https://www.omniapartners.com/publicsector/suppliers/thatcher-chemicals/contract-documentation#c39074>

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

NRS 332.195

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** Yes

**If yes, account name/number:** Wastewater Fund Chemicals Account 5103201-500637

Water Fund Chemicals Account 5203502-500637

Parks General Fund Chemicals Account 1015055-500637

**Is it currently budgeted?** Yes

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** If approved, the increased purchase authority of \$309,000 for FY 2023 will come out of the Accounts listed:

Wastewater Fund Chemicals Account 5103201-500637 for \$294,000; FY 2023 available budget is \$332,711.

Water Fund Chemicals Account 5203502-500637 for \$10,000; FY 2023 available budget is \$119,507.

Parks General Fund Chemicals Account 1015055-500637 for \$5,000; FY 2023 available budget is \$25,020.

**Alternatives**

Do not approve purchase authority and/or provide alternative direction to staff.

**Attachments:**

[Updated Thatcher Contract Summary.pdf](#)

[Thatcher FY23 staff report #9f..pdf](#)

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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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, 2023

#### Executive Summary

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

- [Official Signed Contract](#)
- [Contract Award Letter](#)
- [Contract Amendment 1](#)
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- [Contract Amendment 6](#)
- [Contract Amendment 7](#)

#### Response Evaluation

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#### Solicitation Process

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

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** July 7, 2022

**Staff Contact:** Carol Akers, Purchasing & Contracts Administrator and Darren Schulz, Public Works Director

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding authorization to purchase Sodium Hypochlorite ("Bleach") for use at the Carson City Water Resource Recovery Facility ("WWRF"), the Quill Water Treatment Plant ("Quill") and the Aquatic Center utilizing joinder contract (#212528) between the City of Tucson ("Tucson") and Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc. ("Thatcher") for a not to exceed amount of \$160,000 through September 30, 2022. (Carol Akers, cakers@carson.org and Andy Hummel, ahummel@carson.org)

Staff Summary: The Carson City Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Open Space Departments utilize Bleach to disinfect water at the WWRF, Quill and the Aquatic Center. The joinder contract (#212528) will expire on September 30, 2022. Chemical prices have been extremely volatile over the last year; therefore, staff will pursue further options beyond September 30, 2022, including potentially bidding this purchase.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** Consent

**Proposed Motion**

I move to approve the purchase authority as requested.

**Board's Strategic Goal**

Efficient Government

**Previous Action**

N/A

**Background/Issues & Analysis**

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

Joinder contract being utilized:

Tucson and Thatcher

Contract #212528, expires September 30, 2022, with three remaining options to renew for one year each

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

NRS 332.195

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact? Yes**

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

**Is it currently budgeted? Yes**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** If approved, the \$160,000 for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2023 will come out of the Accounts listed:

Wastewater Chemicals Account 5103201-500637 for \$110,000; FY 2023 available budget is \$404,000.

Water Chemicals Account 5203502-500637 for \$40,000; FY 2023 available budget is \$124,964.

Parks General Fund Chemicals Account 1015055-500637 for \$10,000; FY 2023 available budget is \$25,020.

**Alternatives**

Do not approve purchase authority and/or provide alternative direction to staff.

**Attachments:**

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: Approve

1) SG  
2) LS

Aye/Nay

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