



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1258, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

3/26/2026

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract for a continued supply of sodium bisulfite for Austin Water with Kinetics Motorwerks LLC dba Kinetic Motorwerks, LLC, to increase the amount by \$300,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,364,000 Funding: \$300,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

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Procurement Language:

Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE:

This contract was awarded in compliance with the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Prior Council Action:

July 18, 2024 - Council approved a contract for 38% Sodium Bisulfite totes with Kinetics Motorwerks LLC dba Kinetic Motorwerks, LLC.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 11, 2026 - Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote with three Commissioners absent and one Commissioner off the dais.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide a continued supply of 38% sodium bisulfite which is essential to provide a backup system to Austin Water's primary sulfur dioxide dosing system. The sodium bisulfite solution is necessary to

reduce the residual chlorine in treated effluent before discharging the effluent into the Colorado River. Chlorine reduction is crucial to protect aquatic life and the environment.

The additional contract authority will accommodate operational needs associated with the Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant expansion as the primary sulfur dioxide system will be taken offline. This additional contract authority is necessary to ensure continuity of required treatment processes while the City solicits a new contract. The requested authorization is based on historical spending and departmental estimates of future needs.

Contract Details:				
Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	3 years	\$517,956		\$517,956
Contract Amendment		\$76,000		\$76,000
Contract Amendment		\$78,000		\$78,000
Contract Amendment	1 year	\$190,198		\$190,198
Contract Amendment	1 year	\$201,846		\$201,846
Proposed Amendment			\$300,000	\$300,000
Total	5 years	\$1,064,000	\$300,000	\$1,364,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.