



## **Council Communication No. 97-324**

### **SYNOPSIS –**

Council authorization is requested for the City Manger to sign Change Order No. 2 with Baker Mechanical, Inc. on the Digester Mixers and Primary Scum Modifications, Work Order No. 0207-96-007. Change Order No. 2 extends the contract completion date to June 30, 1997.

### **FISCAL IMPACT –**

Funding for this project is included in the adopted 1996-97 Capital Improvements Program.

### **RECOMMENDATION –**

**Authorize the City Manager to sign Change Order No. 2 to the Digester Mixers and Primary Scum Modifications.**

### **BACKGROUND –**

On April 22, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-1529, the City Council authorized and directed the Mayor to execute a contract with Baker Mechanical, Inc. for construction of the ICA Digester Mixers and Primary Scum Modifications. The contract completion date on the contract is September 30, 1996. The construction work is now nearing completion. The contractor did not meet the completion date because of two major factors:

1. The original bidding documents allowed the contractor to work on the digesters without emptying them or making any other preparations. During the bidding phase of the project, an addendum to the bidding documents changed the conditions under which the contractor could work on the digesters. The addendum required that WRA personnel take the digesters out of service prior to the commencing work. The digesters could only be taken out of service two at a time with a five- to six-week time period required between each set of two digesters for draining and cleaning. This added a considerable amount of time to the contractor's schedule for installing the mixing pumps on the digesters. Approximately three to four months were added to the project because of the requirement to have the digesters out of service before commencing work.
2. The other major factor was the impact of a supplier going bankrupt during the project. This supplier was a sole source specified because of compatibility with existing systems. The supplier was purchased by General Electric and is now performing on the contract; however, a four- to five-month delay was experienced because of the bankruptcy.

This change order will extend the contract completion date to June 30, 1997.

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