



**CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY
SERVICES DISTRICT**

To: Castroville Community Services District Board of Directors

From: James Derbin, General Manager

Agenda Date: April 21, 2026

Date: April 15, 2026

RE:

- 1) Board to take action through a vote to determine there is a need to take immediate action on this Arsenic Media Change Out project, as the appropriate bids came in after the agenda package was posted**
 - 2) Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Service Agreement with the low bidder, Layne Christensen Company, to Change Out the Media at the Well 5 Arsenic Treatment Plant**
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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Board to take action through a vote to determine there is a need to take immediate action on this Arsenic Media Change Out project item, as the appropriate bids came in after the agenda package was published on 4/10/26.
- 2) Authorize the General Manger to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with the low bidder, Layne Christensen Company, to change out the spent arsenic Media at the Well 5 arsenic treatment plant for a not-to-exceed amount of \$195,566.

SUMMARY:

The naturally occurring arsenic levels in Well 5 require treatment in order to comply with the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10ppb, set by the State of California. In response, the District installed an arsenic treatment plant which requires routine maintenance and media change outs roughly every 5 years.

With time, depending on water quality conditions, the media eventually loses its ability to adequately reduce the arsenic levels as necessary. The last time this media was changed out, was in the Spring of 2021. This was completed by a firm named AdEdge for a contracted price of \$146,222.

Staff expected this current batch of media to last until FY 26/27. Recent laboratory results indicate the need for an immediate media change out or potentially risk violating the MCL for arsenic. For this reason, staff suggests the District do the media change out as soon as possible.

Staff will develop a plan to better monitor the end of life stages of the next batch of media so this expense can be better forecasted and budgeted for. This will be achieved by more frequent media performance monitoring and moving the compliance point to the tank from the treatment output so the District gains credit for blending with Well 2. This strategy will hopefully add a year or 2 to the life of this batch of media.

Staff recently solicited bids for turn key change out services with the same type of media, Bayoxide E33. This is the same iron oxide media the plant was originally designed with. The District received responses from three firms and Layne Christensen Co. was the lowest bidder. See below for bid results:

Company	Amount
Layne Christensen Co.	\$195,565
Tetra Solve	\$208,099
Crowley Co.	\$227,590

See Attachment A for a copy of the bid from Layne Christensen Co.

This pricing is for non-hazmat disposal of the spent media. If the spent arsenic media has high enough arsenic content and needs to be disposed of as hazardous material, there will be extra disposal fees passed onto the District from the contractor. This is estimated to be in the ~1% range or ~2,000 dollars increase if the material is deemed hazardous.

FISCAL IMPACT: This work will be funded from the Castroville water cost center.



Attachment A

4/17/2026

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PROJECT ESTIMATE

Prepared For: James Derbin
Prepared By: Randy Roberts
Description: Turn-key Media Change Out

Layne Christensen Company is a global water management, mineral exploration and drilling company. We provide responsible infrastructure solutions for natural resources in water, minerals and energy, while offering innovative, sustainable products and services with an enduring commitment to safety, operational excellence, and client satisfaction. In June 2018, Layne became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Granite Construction, Inc.

We are pleased to submit the following quotation:

Castroville CSD Arsenic treatment system media change out proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to be your water resource solution.

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

LIABILITY OF CONTRACTOR: Contractor shall not be liable for any bodily injury, death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property except as the same may have been caused by the negligence of Contractor. In no event shall Contractor be liable for any delays or special, indirect, incidental or consequential damages. Purchaser agrees that the total limit of Contractor's liability (whether based on negligence, warranty, strict liability or otherwise) hereunder, shall not exceed the aggregate amount due Contractor for services rendered under this contract. All claims, including claims for negligence or any other cause whatsoever, shall be deemed waived unless made in writing and received by Contractor within one (1) year after Contractor's completion of work hereunder.

INSURANCE: Contractor shall provide workers' compensation insurance, public liability and property damage insurance covering its employees and operation. Purchaser, at its option, may maintain such insurance as will protect it against claims arising out of the work.

REIMBURSABLE COST: In addition to the hourly charge provided on the face of this contract, Purchaser will reimburse Contractor for travel and living expenses necessarily incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the work, minor incidental expenses such as overnight mail, telephone and petty cash expenditures necessarily incurred, cost of removal of all debris if so directed by Purchaser, sales, consumer, use and similar taxes required by law and the cost of permits and all licenses necessary for the execution of the work. The foregoing costs shall be billed at actual cost plus fifteen percent (15%) unless otherwise agreed upon.

PRICE ADJUSTMENT: Any cost estimates or time frames stated herein are subject to equitable adjustment in the event of differing or unforeseeable conditions, changes in applicable laws after the date of this contract, unforeseeable delays or difficulties caused by acts of God, Purchaser or any third parties. Prices of goods acquired by Contractor from others shall be adjusted to reflect Contractor's price in effect at time of shipment. The price of Contractor's goods will be adjusted to the price in effect at time of shipment in accordance with Contractor's current escalation policies or as specifically covered in this contract.

TERMS: Thirty (30) days net from date of invoice. For extended projects, Contractor shall submit invoices on a monthly basis for any and all work completed and materials or equipment provided during the previous month. Past due invoices shall be subject to a delinquency charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month (eighteen percent (18%) per annum) unless a lower charge is required under applicable law, in which case the lower rate shall apply. Purchaser agrees to pay all collection fees, attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the collection of any past due amounts arising out of this contract. Contractor shall have the right to immediately terminate this contract without further liability if Purchaser fails to make timely payment or otherwise materially breaches this contract.

MATERIAL SHORTAGES AND COST INCREASES: If any portion of materials or equipment which Contractor is required to furnish becomes unavailable, either temporarily or permanently, through causes beyond the control and without the fault of Contractor, then in the case of temporary unavailability any completion time frames shall be extended for such period of time as Contractor shall be delayed by such above-described unavailability, and in the case of permanent unavailability Contractor shall be excused from the requirement of furnishing such materials or equipment. Purchaser agrees to pay Contractor any increase in cost between the cost of the materials or equipment which have become permanently unavailable and the cost of the closest substitute which is then reasonably available.

DELAYS: If Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of work by labor disputes, fire, unusual delays in transportation, unavoidable casualties, weather, or any cause beyond Contractor's reasonable control, then any completion time frames shall be extended by a reasonable period of time, at least equal to the period of delay.

CHANGED CONDITIONS: The discovery of any hazardous waste, substances, pollutants, contaminants, underground obstructions or utilities on or in the job site which were not brought to the attention of Contractor prior to the date of this contract will constitute a materially different site condition entitling Contractor, at its sole discretion to immediately terminate this contract without further liability.

ESCALATION: This contract is made with the understanding that Contractor will be able to begin and continuously proceed with its work on or before the proposed start date on the reverse side hereof. In the event Contractor is unable to commence its work on or before said date because the project is not ready for Contractor's work, Contractor will charge Purchaser the amount of increase in Contractor's cost attributable to such delay, plus Contractor's normal overhead percentage.

GUARANTEE AND LIABILITY: Contractor warrants that its labor supplied hereunder shall be free from defect and shall conform to the standard of care in effect in its industry at the time of performance of such labor for a period of twelve (12) months after substantial completion of Contractor's work. Contractor agrees, to the extent it is permitted, to pass on any warranties provided by the manufacturers of materials and/or equipment furnished under this contract. Contractor itself provides no warranty, express, implied or otherwise, on any such materials or equipment. Contractor will not be responsible for work done, material or equipment furnished or repairs or alterations made by others.

For any breach hereunder, Contractor shall be liable only for the value of the installation work or, if it wrongfully fails to install, then its liability is limited to the difference between the contract price herein, and the value of other similar installation work. If Contractor's breach damages any materials or equipment furnished hereunder, Contractor shall only be liable for the value of such materials or equipment. Under no circumstances will Contractor be liable for consequential, special or indirect damages, including without limitation, any crop loss or damage, damage to other equipment, structures or property, nor for any other similar or dissimilar damages or losses whether due to delay, failure to furnish or install, delay in installation, defective material or equipment, defective workmanship, defective installation, delay in replacing, nor for any cause or breach whatsoever. In any event, Contractor's total liability towards Purchaser for alleged faulty performance or nonperformance under this contract shall be limited to the total contract price. No materials, equipment or services contracted herein carries any guarantee not mentioned in this contract. THE ABOVE WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, WHICH ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED.

TITLE AND OWNERSHIP: In case of default on Purchaser's part, Contractor shall have the right to enter the premises upon which any material or equipment furnished herein have been installed and retake such goods not then paid for and pursue any further remedy provided by law, including recovery of attorneys' fees and any deficiency to the maximum extent and in the manner provided by law. Such materials and equipment shall retain their character as personal property of Contractor until payment in full is received by Contractor, regardless of their mode of attachment. Unless prior specific written instructions are received to the contrary, surplus and replaced materials and equipment resulting from repair or installation work shall become the property of Contractor.

DELIVERY: Shipment schedules and dates, expressed or implied, are contingent on normal conditions. Contractor will not be responsible for any delays in shipment or completion caused by factors beyond its control such as, but not limited to, suppliers' failures, accidents, work stoppages or operation of or changes in the law. Shipments will be made as promptly as Contractor's ability to obtain materials and/or equipment and scheduling will permit. No delay in shipments or variances from shipping schedule shall be cause of cancellation or any claim for damage. Any changes in layout or design requested after acceptance of this contract will be made at Purchaser's additional cost. Any such change and/or time taken to supply engineering data or to approve drawings will automatically extend shipping schedules. Equipment will be shipped "knocked down" to the extent Contractor considers necessary, with small parts stripped from equipment and crated. On and after delivery to the carrier for transportation to the Purchaser's site, Purchaser shall be responsible for all loss or damage to materials or equipment due to any cause, including but not limited to loss or damage resulting from casualty.

INDEMNIFICATION: Purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold Contractor, its directors, officers, stockholders, employees, agents and subcontractors, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action (including third party claims, demands or causes of action for contribution or indemnification), liability and costs (including attorneys' fees and other costs of defense) asserted and/or filed by Purchaser or any third party(ies), including without limitation Purchaser's employees, and arising out of or as a result of: (i) the presence of Contractor or its subcontractors at the job site, (ii) the work performed by Contractor or its subcontractors, or (iii) any negligent act or omission of Purchaser, its employees, agents, consultants, other contractors or any person or entity under Purchaser's control; except to the extent that such claims, demands, causes of action, liabilities or costs are caused by the negligence of Contractor or its subcontractors.

INTERPRETATION: This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of the job site location. If any term, provision or condition contained herein shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, pursuant to state law or otherwise, the remainder of the terms, provisions and conditions herein (or the application of such term, provision, or condition to persons or circumstances other than those in respect of which it is invalid or unenforceable) shall not be affected thereby, and each term, provision and condition of this contract shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ASSIGNMENT & SUBLETTING: Purchaser shall not have the right to transfer or assign its rights and/or obligations under this contract to any third party, related or unrelated, without the express written consent of Contractor. Contractor shall have the right to transfer, assign or sublet all or any portion of its rights or obligations hereunder, but such transfer, assignment or subletting shall not relieve Contractor from its full obligations to Purchaser unless such transfer, assignment or subletting is pursuant to the sale of Contractor, or the division of Contractor responsible for this contract, to a third party.

MISCELLANEOUS: The terms and conditions set forth herein constitute the entire understanding of the parties relating to the work to be performed, and materials and equipment to be provided, by Contractor for the Purchaser. All previous proposals, offers, and other communications relative to the provisions of the subject work, oral or written, are hereby superseded, except to the extent that they have been expressly incorporated herein. Any modifications or revisions of any provisions herein or any additional provisions contained in any purchase order, acknowledgment, or other form of the Purchaser are hereby expressly objected to by Contractor and shall not operate to modify this contract. This contract shall take effect upon acceptance and execution by both parties.