



**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

**Control: 26001452**

**MEETING DATE:** 06/23/2026

**LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:** Board of Supervisors

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):** District 2

**SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff-Coroner

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**REASON ITEM IS SUPPLEMENTAL:** This Agenda Staff Report is being requested to be submitted as a Supplemental Filing by Sheriff-Coroner Department and placed on the June 23, 2026, Board of Supervisors agenda. This Agenda Staff Report and attachments were finalized after the filing deadline to the Clerk of the Board.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Sheriff-Coroner Department is requesting this item be placed on the June 23, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting in order to contract with Waters Technologies Corporation dba Waters Chromatography Corp. to continue to contract for service, preventative maintenance, and consumables for Liquid Chromatography Instruments.

**SUBJECT:** Renew Amendment Number One with Waters Technology Corporation

<b>CEO CONCUR</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>	<b>CLERK OF THE BOARD</b>
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION
		3 Votes Board Majority

<b>Budgeted:</b> N/A	<b>Current Year Cost:</b> N/A	<b>Annual Cost:</b> FY 2026-27 \$313,425 FY 2027-28 \$11,575
<b>Staffing Impact:</b> No	<b>Funding Source:</b> State (Proposition 172): 100%	<b>Sole Source:</b> Yes
<b>Current Fiscal Year Revenue:</b> N/A		<b>County Audit in Last 3 years:</b> No
<b>Levine Act Review Completed?</b> Yes		
<b>Prior Board Action:</b> 6/24/2025 #49		

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**  
Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment Number One to renew the Waters Technologies Corporation dba Waters Chromatography Corp. contract, for service, preventative maintenance, and consumables of Orange County Crime Lab's Liquid Chromatograph Mass Spectrometers, effective July 14, 2026, through July 13, 2027, in the not to exceed amount of \$325,000 for a new cumulative amount of \$625,000, renewable for three additional one-year terms.

**SUMMARY:**

Approval of Amendment Number One to renew the sole source contract with Waters Technologies Corporation will allow the Sheriff-Coroner Department to continue to obtain service, preventative maintenance, and consumables for Orange County Crime Lab's Liquid Chromatograph Mass Spectrometers to continue conducting toxicological analysis on nearly 12,000 forensic casework samples.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Sheriff-Coroner Department (Sheriff) requires the use of liquid chromatographs with dual mass spectrometers in the Orange County (OCCL) Crime Lab for the purpose of identification and concentration determination of over 70 different drugs, to include opioids, muscle relaxants, benzodiazepines, sleep medication, cocaine, and cannabinoids (chemicals found in marijuana) in biological samples. These instruments are used to assist with multiple testing processes to serve all law enforcement agencies, as well as Sheriff and the OC District Attorney's Office on cases submitted to the OCCL's Toxicology Section. Case types include Driving Under the Influence (DUI), drug-facilitated sexual assault and death investigations including drug overdose. The instrumentation allows the OCCL to improve turnaround times and generate blood drug concentrations for a wide variety of commonly abused and prescribed chemical compounds. The OCCL's Toxicology Section have been utilizing this state-of-the-art equipment to assist in processing over 12,000 cases for driving under the influence of drug arrests, drug-facilitated sexual assault cases and death investigations and conducting nearly 47,000 exams yearly.

This is a sole source contract. The Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a sole source contract with Waters Technologies Corporation (Waters) for the service, preventative maintenance, and purchase of consumables for the OCCL's liquid chromatograph mass spectrometer instruments in the summer of 2015. The OCCL currently has four Waters systems. Over the last three to four years, the OCCL has developed and validated confirmation methods using Waters instruments. The Waters software has been integrated into OCCL's specialized software. Waters holds a patent on its hardware technology.

Purchasing maintenance and services from a different vendor would require the OCCL to develop and validate new methods, potentially taking several years before the new instrumentation could be placed in service. Moreover, purchasing service and preventative maintenance from Waters would allow for a seamless transfer of methodology and workflow. Additionally, purchasing service and maintenance from another vendor would require a re-programming of the OCCL's specialized software to allow for changes in vendors.

On June 24, 2025, the Board approved a contract with Waters for a one-year term effective July 14, 2025, through July 13, 2026, in the not to exceed amount of \$300,000, renewable for four additional one-year terms, as noted in the Recommended Action.

Sheriff now requests Board approval of amendment number one to renew the sole source contract with Waters for a one-year term effective July 14, 2026, through July 13, 2027, in the amount of \$325,000, for a new cumulative not to exceed amount of \$625,000, renewable for three additional three-year term as noted in the Recommended Action. This proposed amendment number one is submitted for Board approval less than 30 days prior to the effective start date due to the contractor's lack in response to the Sheriff's multiple requests to sign and return amendment one timely.

The Contractor's performance has been confirmed as satisfactory. Sheriff has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to Contractor's litigation status or conflicts with County interests. While conducting due diligence, Sheriff staff discovered Waters' state registration was under the name of Waters Chromatography Corp. In working with the County Procurement Office and the office of County Counsel, the solution was to recognize the vendor's name to include Waters Chromatography Corp in the amendment. This contract does not currently include subcontractors or pass through to other providers. See Attachment B for Contract Summary Form. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this contract award/renewal/amendment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Appropriations for this Contract are included in the Budget Control 060, Sheriff-Coroner FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget and will be included in the budgeting process for future years. The proposed contract is contingent upon funding availability. In the event funding is reduced or terminated, the County may renegotiate the level of services and/or terminate the contract, as necessary.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

N/A

**REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Amendment Number One to Contract MA-060-25010599

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form