



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001388

MEETING DATE: 06/23/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): District 2 and District 3

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Sheriff-Coroner

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Brian Wayt, 714-647-1803
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SUBJECT: Renew First Amendment with CRH California Water, Inc. dba Culligan of Santa Ana

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

Budgeted: N/A	Current Year Cost: N/A	Annual Cost: FY 2026-27 \$385,949 FY 2027-28 \$44,851
Staffing Impact: No	Funding Source: GF: 100%	Sole Source: No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A		County Audit in Last 3 years: No

Levine Act Review Completed? Yes

Prior Board Action: 8/8/2023 #14

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve Amendment Number One to the contract with CRH California Water Inc., dba Culligan of Santa Ana for Water Softener Services and authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment Number One after consent and approval have been obtained from the required State agencies, for a term effective August 8, 2026, through August 7, 2027 in the amount of \$430,800, for a new cumulative not to exceed amount of \$1,723,200, renewable for one additional one-year term.

SUMMARY:

Approval of Amendment Number One to the contract with CRH California Water, Inc., dba Culligan of Santa Ana will allow the Sheriff-Coroner Department to continue to provide required maintenance services for the water softener systems at all jail facilities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Sheriff-Coroner Department (Sheriff) has three Culligan Hi-Flo 50 Water Softener Systems requiring resin media removal, cleaning and replacement. In addition to these services, Sheriff requires water, pressure, media testing and vessel, inspection, repairs, and alterations. Minimum service frequency and

tasks to be in accordance to manufacture specifications, recommendations, County tasks and duties, State, Federal, Local laws and regulatory requirements. These services are required for proper operation of the water heating and cooling systems throughout the facilities to safeguard the inmates and staff.

Sheriff identified a need to maintain the water softener systems and on March 22, 2023, Sheriff bid out the services for water softener maintenance. On April 12, 2023, CRH California Water, Inc., dba Culligan of Santa Ana (Culligan) was the only respondent to the bid solicitation.

On August 8, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the CRH California Water Inc., dba Culligan of Santa Ana (Culligan) contract for a three-year term effective August 8, 2023, through August 7, 2026, in the not to exceed amount of \$1,292,400, renewable for two additional one-year terms. Culligan provides water softener maintenance for Central Jails, Theo Lacy and James A. Musick (Musick) Facilities. The reason for softening the water before it enters a new facility is to prevent buildup of scale on the inside of the pipes, fixtures, towers, heaters and boilers. By removing the hard minerals in the water (mostly calcium and magnesium) it dramatically extends the life expectancy of all the systems and equipment, while reducing the maintenance.

Most of the facilities use a salt based (brining) method but because the Musick facility is serviced by the Irvine water district and does not allow a salt based system, an ion exchange process (resin system) was installed. The resin "beads" are held in a series of large tanks, water flows through the resin beads where heavy minerals are attracted and attached to the beads. These beads have limited capacity and require regular cleaning and re-ionization (regeneration). For the Musick facility, Culligan (who also installed the new system) is anticipating having to test the water daily and change out resin weekly.

The new system has three tanks, each containing 100 cubic feet of resin. Prior to occupancy water will be required to be used to fill, test and operate the mechanical systems and therefore requires the water softeners to be fully operational and serviced prior to occupancy.

Sheriff now requests Board approval to renew the original contract under Amendment Number One for a one-year term effective August 8, 2026, through August 7, 2027, in the not to exceed amount of \$430,800, for a new cumulative not to exceed amount of \$1,723,200, renewable for one additional one-year term.

Pursuant to the Facility Sublease for the Musick Facility, consent and approval of third-party service agreements are needed from two State of California agencies: the State Public Works Board and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Specific conditions required by these agencies were incorporated in this Amendment Number One, including insertion of a signature page for the State signatories. Said agencies have reviewed the draft and desire to be the last to execute the Amendment.

Contractor's performance has been confirmed to be satisfactory. Sheriff has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to Contractor's ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests. This contract does not currently include subcontractors or pass through to other providers. See Attachment B for the Contract Summary Form. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this contract renewal. An analysis was completed to determine the contracts provide the County with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services in accordance with the law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this contract are included in the Sheriff's FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget for Budget Control 060 and will be included in the budgeting process for future years. The 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 Number MA-060-23011224

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form