

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: August 18, 2026
TO: Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Water District
FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager
BY: Cassandra Sanchez, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
SUBJECT: Geo-Monitor Inc. Contract Amendment

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council and Board Members of the Hesperia Water District (District) authorize the City Manager to approve an amendment of \$40,000 to the existing contract with Geo-Monitor Inc., for a total revised not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000 for water quality analysis.

BACKGROUND

The Hesperia Water District must comply with State and Federal water quality regulations. During Fiscal Year 2025-26, the District met the standards set by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRBC) along with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In Fiscal Year 2025-26, the District performed testing for bacteriological, lead & copper, inorganic, and secondary substances.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The District currently utilizes two laboratories for water quality analysis: Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino and Geo-Monitor, Inc. Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino. These two laboratories perform all water quality analyses except bacteriological testing. Geo-Monitor, Inc. analyzes approximately 1,300 bacteriological samples annually.

The District was recently notified that Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino has transferred all accounts within the Mojave River Valley to Geo-Monitor, Inc. Geo-Monitor, Inc. will continue to honor the pricing established under the existing three-year agreement.

As a result of this transfer, the District's current \$50,000 agreement with Geo-Monitor, Inc. will require additional expenditure authority for Fiscal Year 2026–27. The existing agreement with Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino will be terminated.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Public Safety - Ensure public safety resources adequately protect our community.

Financial Health - Maintain a balanced budget and adequate reserves.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funding has been included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2026-27 Water Operating Fund 700 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

None