



**DATA SHEET**  
**Agenda No. 10.**

**Meeting Date: May 3, 2018**

**Agenda Item:**

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a pricing agreement with Huther and Associates, Inc. for Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing services.

<b>Placement:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Consideration <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Session
<b>Vote:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Weighted <input type="checkbox"/> Weighted Capital
<b>Recommending Department:</b> Operations and Purchasing

**Background:**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires the District to maintain very high water quality in the effluent discharged into the environment. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing is the state and federal specified method to test and verify that those requirements are being met. These tests must be conducted by an independent third-party laboratory if the permittee does not have its own certified laboratory.

Following required public notices and bidding procedures, bid documents were distributed to five potential vendors, with responses received on April 10, 2018 from two vendors. These responses were evaluated based upon the best overall value to the District, including price, the quality of work and customer service previously received from the vendor. Staff recommends entering into a three-year agreement, with two additional one-year optional renewal periods with Huther and Associates, Inc., the lowest and most responsive bidder. Tabulation of bids is included as an attachment.

**Financial:**

Funds are provided in the FY18 budget for the required tests, estimated at \$7,500.00 annually.

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a pricing agreement with Huther and Associates, Inc. for three years with two additional one-year optional renewals.

**Enclosure:**

a.) Bid Tab

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UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT  
WET TESTING BID TAB  
4/10/2018

	Huther & Assoc			Bio-Aquatic Testing		
	Est. Annual Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Est. Annual Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
Chronic Ceriodaphnia dubia test	12	\$ 420.00	\$ 5,040.00	12	\$ 545.00	\$ 6,540.00
Chronic Pimephales promelas Test	12	\$ 420.00	\$ 5,040.00	12	\$ 545.00	\$ 6,540.00
24-hour Acute Daphnia pulex Test	6	\$ 30.00	\$ 180.00	6	\$ 45.00	\$ 270.00
24-hour Acute Pimephales promelas Test	6	\$ 30.00	\$ 180.00	6	\$ 45.00	\$ 270.00
Re-Test fee Chronic Test		\$ 420.00			\$ 545.00	
Re-Test Fee 24-hour Acute Test		\$ 30.00			\$ 200.00	
			\$ 10,440.00			\$ 13,620.00