



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public
Works/LCSD
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: August 27, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District
FROM: Department Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Martin Wilder, P.E., Interim Deputy Director, (805) 882-3605
SUBJECT: **Laguna County Sanitation District Solomon Creek Trunk Line Rehabilitation Project Award – Fourth Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve plans and specifications for the Solomon Creek Trunk Line Rehabilitation Project, Project No. SOLSWR, on file in the Laguna County Sanitation District office;
- b) Award the construction contract in the base amount of \$1,095,665.50 to the lowest responsible bidder, Performance Pipeline Technologies, Incorporated, (not a local vendor), subject to the provision of documents and certifications as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project, as required under California law;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Construction Contract with Performance Pipeline Technologies, Incorporated;
- d) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve change orders for a contingency amount up to \$60,000 for the construction of Solomon Creek Trunk Line Rehabilitation Project, Project No. SOLSWR for a total, not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,155,665.50; and
- e) Determine that the action is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(b) (Existing Facilities) of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the

California Code of Regulations (State CEQA Guidelines) and approve the posting of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to consider the award of a construction agreement for the Solomon Creek Trunk Line Rehabilitation project to Performance Pipeline Technologies, Incorporated. The bid submitted by Performance Pipeline Technologies, Incorporated in the amount of \$1,095,665.50 was the lowest of two submitted and opened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday May 30, 2024. Staff has analyzed the bids and determined that it is in accordance with criteria set forth in the bid documents and the California Public Contract Code. Staff finds Performance Pipeline Technologies, Incorporated to be the lowest responsible bidder and recommends award to this contractor as well as a construction contingency of \$60,000 for a total budget authorization of \$1,155,665.50.

Background:

The Laguna County Sanitation District owns and operates a wastewater reclamation facility and a sewer collection system that serves the unincorporated Orcutt community, unincorporated Santa Maria, and portions within the southern Santa Maria city limits. The sewer collection system was built over time, from the founding of the District in 1958 to present day as well as segments constructed in the 1920's by the Orcutt Sanitary District, now absorbed by the District. Lining of older pipe line systems is customary for rehabilitation that significantly extends useful life. The District recently began major lining projects and successfully completed a 3-mile sewer pipe lining of its north trunk line, originally constructed in 1960.

The next phases of lining work consist of additional pipeline segments that have been identified for rehabilitation, also constructed in the 1960's, but located in reaches of the collection system that are more difficult to access. These segments were built adjacent to the Solomon Creek, located south of Clark Avenue from Bradley Road to State Route 135, and north of Clark Avenue from State Route 135 to Blosser Road. Additional housing tracts extended pipelines through easements to connect to this system. These pipelines were constructed of vitrified clay pipe (VCP) a common material at the time, but is subject to root intrusion and has a shorter useful life than other materials. The proposed project includes rehabilitation, which lines the interior of the facilities in-situ and extends their useful life. In total, this project comprises 2.7 miles of pipelines varying in diameter from 8" to 15". Lining of the appurtenant manholes is planned as a separate future manhole lining project, not included in this project.

The scope of the rehabilitation work is consistent with repair and maintenance activities identified in the *Final Habitat Conservation Plan Laguna County Sanitation District Facilities Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Western Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County, California* dated February 2017 (HCP); and Incidental Take Permit (ITP) Number TE16913C-0. Applicable avoidance and minimization measures identified in the HCP and ITP will be implemented during the repair work. The work is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) because it consists of the operation, maintenance, and repair of an existing public sewer system with no expansion of use.

On February 13, 2024, the Board of Directors authorized the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for project. Two bids were received on May 30, 2024, and the bid submitted by Performance Pipeline Technologies, Incorporated in the amount of \$1,095,655.50 was the lowest.

This is 32.3% lower than the engineer's estimate which was \$1,450,000. The second bid was \$2,262,166.80, while the average was \$1,678,911.15.

Lastly, District staff recommends a construction contingency of \$60,000 based on an industry standard of approximately 5% and is considered as reasonable given the project's size but limited complexity. The total budget authorization requested is therefore, \$1,155,655.50.

Performance Measure:

The project will prevent pipeline failure, reduce maintenance, and extend the life of the trunk system.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY24-25 Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
LCSD Capital Reserves	\$ 1,155,655.50		\$ 1,155,655.50
Total	\$ 1,155,655.50	\$ -	\$ 1,155,655.50

The project is part of the annual sewer system repair and replacement program. Laguna County Sanitation District capital replacement reserves will be used to fund the project as a one-time expense. Funds are budgeted in Department 054, Fund 2870, Line Item Account 8200.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this action to Kevin Thompson at Public Works, Laguna County Sanitation District office: 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

Clerk of the Board to stamp and post the Notice of Exemption following Board Approval and return a stamped copy to Kevin Thompson.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Construction Contract

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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