



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: July 11, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Unit II Channel Improvements Project, Fifth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to Form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve plans and specifications for the Unit II Channel Improvements Project;
- b) Award the construction contract for the Unit II Channel Improvements Project, in the amount of \$1,840,622.95 to the lowest responsible bidder Whitaker Construction Group (a tri-county vendor), subject to the provisions of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by law;
- c) Authorize the Chair to execute the construction contract upon return of the contractor's executed contract documents, and the review and approval of the County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their authorized representatives;
- d) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to order the performance of itemized supplemental work, as provided in the construction contract, in the amount not to exceed \$11,000 for the Unit II Channel Improvements Project;

- e) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve changes or additions to the work being performed under the Construction Contract, in an amount not to exceed \$104,531.14 for the Unit II Channel Improvements Project;
- f) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Filippin Engineering (a local vendor) to provide construction management and inspection services for the Unit II Channel Improvements Project, for the period of July 11, 2017 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$144,701;
- g) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve amendments to the professional services agreement with Filippin Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$14,470.10;
- h) Determine that the Unit II Channel Improvements Project shall be carried out and determine that it is for the benefit of two or more zones hereinafter referred to as participating zones; and
- i) Determine, pursuant to 14 CCR 15162, that a Mitigated Negative Declaration #14NGD-00000-00012 was adopted for the Unit II Channel Improvements Project on April 14, 2015, that no substantial changes are proposed in the project, no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, and no new information of substantial importance has been received with respect to the project or the mitigation measures, and therefore no new Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required for the approval of the recommended actions. Related environmental documents can be found at:
<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2256301&GUID=43390757-2A4E-47CF-A1EB-FBD69A003FAA&Options=&Search>

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to award the construction contract and approve the administration and inspection contract for the Unit II Channel Improvements Project.

The Unit II Channel is an earthen ditch located west of Blosser Road and north of West Main Street in the unincorporated area in Santa Maria. The channel collects over 7,000 acres of agricultural and urban development runoff and conveys it to the Santa Maria River.

On June 6, 2017, the Flood Control District received 2 bids for the Unit II Channel Improvements Project. Whitaker Construction Group submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$1,840,622.95. The second lowest bid was in the amount of \$2,314,754.58. The engineer's construction cost estimate was \$2,153,829.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the contract to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The Department analyzed the bids and determined the low bid is responsive and responsible. Public Works recommends awarding this contract to Whitaker Construction Group.

Filippin Engineering was selected to enter into an agreement to provide full-time construction inspection and material testing services needed for the project. Filippin Engineering is also on the Public Works Department’s list of pre-qualified firms and is a local vendor.

Background:

This project will hydraulically improve the conveyance capacity of the channel by smoothing out the existing sharp-narrow “S” curve and widening the channel. Increasing the capacity of the channel will reduce the risk of overflow to adjacent land and increase groundwater recharge to the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin by delivering more water to the Santa Maria River

The Board approved Mitigated Negative Declaration #14NGD-00000-00012 on April 14, 2015 pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. The MND identifies and discusses potential impacts and associated mitigation measures that reduce all potential impacts to less than significant levels and the monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Incorporation of mitigation measures that have reduced an effect from a potentially significant impact to a less than significant impact occurs in the following subject areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic Processes, Noise, and Water Resources.

The Board authorized the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for this project on May 13, 2008.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
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| Santa Maria FZ | | | \$ 2,115,325.19 |
| State | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,115,325.19 |

Narrative:

Costs for this phase of the project are included in the adopted 2017-18 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-325 in the budget book.

This project is also included in the 2017-2022 County’s Capital Improvements Program on page D-120.

Key Contract Risks:

Key risk factors for these agreements are low.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two copies of the Agreement with Filippin Engineering and a copy of the minute order of this action to the Flood Control District office: Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

- Attachment A - Plans and Specifications (available on the Clerk of the Board website and hard copy is available at the Clerk of Board office in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria)
- Attachment B - Construction Agreement (copy)
- Attachment C - Agreement for Services of Independent Contract w/Filippin Engineering (3 originals) includes contract summary

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Unit II Channel Improvements Project Location Map

