



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: August 13, 2019
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, 805-568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 805-568-3436

SUBJECT: **Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project,
Second 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 the plans and specifications for the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project, included as Attachment A;
- b) Award the construction contract for the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project, in the amount of \$299,211.60 (including \$15,000 in itemized supplemental work) to the lowest responsible bidder, Chambers Group, Inc., (not a local 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) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached 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 approve changes or additions to the work being performed under the Construction Contract, in an amount not to exceed \$27,460.58 for the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project;

- e) Determine that the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project to be carried out is for the benefit of a single zone; and
- f) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, there are no substantial changes in circumstances and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or feasibility of mitigation measures and, therefore this is within the scope of the project covered by the Program Environmental Impact Report for the Updated Routine Maintenance Program (01-EIR-01) approved in 2001, and subsequent addenda, including the 2017 Updated Debris Basin Maintenance Plan approved and adopted by the Board on June 6, 2017, and that no new environmental document is required. The Environmental Impact Report and 2017 Updated Debris Basin Maintenance and Removal Plan can be found at:
<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3061682&GUID=DBB4555A-99A0-44A4-9388-69E7BB81B438>

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to award the revegetation contract and to approve the plans and specifications for the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project.

On June 4, 2019, the Flood Control District received four bids for the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project. Chambers Group, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$299,211.60. The second lowest responsive bid was in the amount of \$324,412.50. The engineer's construction cost estimate was \$321,299.00.

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

The Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project will restore the areas disturbed during the grading activities of the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Debris Basin Modification Project, which is intended to be completed in the summer of 2019. Revegetation work will begin during the fall of 2019. The construction and revegetation contracts were competitively bid separately because the restoration and construction phases of the project are materially different. The planting portion of the revegetation work begins several months after construction is complete, and plant establishment work will last approximately three years. Keeping the contracts separate will allow for completion of the construction contract.

Background:

The District intends to restore the pre-basin hydraulic function riparian corridor along Maria Ygnacio Creek through deconstruction of the Main Branch Debris Basin dam, re-establishment of the East Branch into its original drainage course around the existing East Branch Debris Basin, and reconstruction of the creek beds to mimic pre-basin geomorphology. The basin locations are shown in Exhibit A. These basins, as with many other basins on the South Coast, were established after wild fires and were intended to serve as protection following fires. When the watersheds burn in the future, Maria

Ygnacio East Branch Creek will be routed back through the basin and the Main Branch Basin will be restored to its function by placing debris racks to trap debris. These modifications will stay in place until the watershed recovers.

The Maria Ygnacio Creek Main and the Maria Ygnacio Creek East Debris Basins are located along the main and east branches of Maria Ygnacio Creek, a tributary of Atascadero Creek and the Goleta Slough, approximately 5.7 miles and 5 miles from the Pacific Ocean, respectively. These facilities were funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and constructed by the Flood Control District as an emergency response to the Painted Cave Fire in 1990 to mitigate the effects of the post-fire debris flows.

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>
South Coast FZ			\$ 326,672.18
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,672.18

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Costs for the initial planting and revegetation work were included in the 2019-20 adopted budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-305 in the budget book. In addition, costs will be included in the budget for the next three years to allow establishment and to provide maintenance of the revegetation sites. No General Fund monies will be utilized with this project.

This project is also included in the Capital Improvement Program on pages D-101 and D-102.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two originals of the Agreement with Chambers Group, Inc. and a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office: Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

- Attachment A - Plans and Specs
- Attachment B - Construction Agreement w/ Chambers Group, Inc. (3 originals) includes contract summary

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Exhibit A

