



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works/LCSD
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: May 7, 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 Director Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
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SUBJECT: Maintenance of Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation Plant Storage Ponds - Fifth 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 Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation Plant Pond Slide Gates Replacement project; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached contract with W.M. Lyles Company, Incorporated, (not a local vendor), 1210 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728, in the base amount of \$162,416 for maintenance and replacement of pond slide gates and pipes at the Laguna County Sanitation District wastewater reclamation plant, subject to the provisions of the documents and certifications as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by California Law; and
- c) Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to approve change orders in connection with the Contract in an amount not to exceed \$15,000; and
- d) Find that the maintenance and installation of infrastructure for the pond system at the Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation Plant is an exception to Public Project requirements pursuant to Public Contract Code §22002(d)(5); and

- e) Determine that the proposed actions are categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to sections 15301, subdivision (a), and 15302 of the state CEQA Guidelines, because the project involves the maintenance and replacement of equipment at an existing wastewater reclamation facility involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to consider the approval of a contract with W.M. Lyles Company, Incorporated for the maintenance and replacement of pond slide gates and associated pipes at the Laguna County Sanitation District wastewater reclamation plant. These actions address work at a critical utility system being performed to keep, operate, and maintain publicly owned water, power, or waste disposal systems and is therefore not a public project pursuant to Public Contract Code §22002(d)(5).

Background:

The Laguna County Sanitation District's wastewater reclamation plant serves the unincorporated areas of Santa Maria, portions of the city of Santa Maria, and the unincorporated community of Orcutt. The treatment plant has successfully served its community since its conception in 1959 and has been through several subsequent upgrades since. The facility was most recently updated with a plant upgrade involving replacing its headworks and secondary treatment train with new activated sludge basins. This most recent plant upgrade replaced facilities that were beyond their useful lives and were exhibiting structural deficiencies.

The plant's secondary treatment train feeds into a series of two ponds which are used to store water prior to tertiary filtration. Three additional ponds are connected and are designed to capture storm water to be sent back to headworks for treatment. These ponds were built over time and have junction boxes for transferring water from one pond to another. The junction boxes have slide gates to control water movement and associated piping between junction boxes, some of which have been identified by staff as not working properly and in need of replacement. The work involves replacing seven slide gates and one pipeline. District staff have solicited a proposal from W.M. Lyles Company, Incorporated for this work and upon reviewing the cost, staff finds that the proposal is reasonable and acceptable. The company was chosen based on previous work, as they are the same contractor as the Phase 1 Plant Upgrade Project, which takes advantage of them already being mobilized for a better price. Pursuant to Public Contract Code §22002(d)(5) this work is not considered a public project as it is being performed to maintain a publicly owned water, power, or waste disposal system. Staff recommends Board approval of the agreement for work to keep, operate, and maintain facilities in this this critical public utility system.

The replacement of the existing slide gates and associated pipelines with new gates and pipes serving the same function is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction). Repair and replacement of existing equipment at the Laguna County Sanitation District's wastewater reclamation plant is also covered by US Fish and Wildlife Incidental Take Permit No. TE16913C-0.

Performance Measures:

The project will extend the life of the storage pond system.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Laguna County Sanitation District capital reserves will be used to fund the project. Funds are budgeted in Department 054, Fund 2870, Line Item Account 8200.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified stamped minute order summarizing the actions to the Laguna County Sanitation District in the Santa Maria office of the Public Works Department to the attention of Kevin Thompson.

Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption following Board approval of the project.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Contractor Agreement

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

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