

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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General Services Department

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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Jail Sewer Grinder
Project #8664
2nd Supervisorial District

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Award a Fixed Price Construction Contract in the amount of \$266,575 to the lowest responsible bidder, Bentley Construction Group, Inc., 240 Ford Ave., Ventura, CA 93003, (not a local vendor) 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
- B. Authorize the Director of General Services to approve change orders of an amount not to exceed 10% of a base amount of \$250,000 plus 5% of the bid in excess of the base amount, or \$25,828.75 for this contract.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

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Executive Summary and Discussion:

For several years the County of Santa Barbara has been in violation regarding the size of particulate matter discharged from the jail facility into the sewer system owned and operated by Goleta Sanitary District. This has caused Goleta Sanitation considerable annual expense in repairs to their equipment and they have stated their intent to pass on these costs to the County, as well as possible fines for the violation. The proposed fix is to install a "sewer grinder" to reduce particulate matter to an acceptable size. Ten years ago a similar problem was remedied in this manner at Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall on Hollister Avenue.

A study has been completed with engineering drawings to determine the most cost effective placement for the grinder.

There were 2 bids submitted for this project. Bentley Construction Group, Inc., a Ventura, Ca. based company, is the low bidder. Bentley Construction Group, Inc. has been determined to be a responsible company capable of performing this work, and their bid is deemed a responsive bid. Their bid of \$266,575 is 45.6% higher than the construction estimate for this project. Between the bid opening (April 27, 2006) and the date of the engineer's estimate (August 7, 2002) over 3 years 8 months elapsed; within this time period there has been a dramatic increase in materials prices, labor costs and fuel, as well as inflation that would account for the difference between the bid price and the engineer's estimate. The next lowest (only other) bid received was \$288,000, which is 57.3% higher than the estimate.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Grinding sewage discharge to the maximum particulate size is mandated by the Goleta Sanitation District. No change in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The total project cost, including engineer fees, inspection fees, construction, and an adequate contingency, is estimated to be \$313,762 and is fully funded by the Sheriff's Department.

Funds for Capital Project # 8664 have been appropriated and are available in Fund 0001 Department 032, Account 8300, Program 1071, Org unit 6095, Project 2156.

Special Instructions:

Please send duplicate original Contract and Minute Order to John Green, GS/Facilities Services Div., Courthouse East Wing.

Board letter prepared by John Green, Project Manager, (934-6229).