



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: PW/Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: June 6, 2023
Placement: Administrative
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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)
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SUBJECT: Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Project, First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Reject all bids from the Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Project (Project No. SC8355) bid opening on April 25, 2023;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director to re-advertise and receive bids for the Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Project; and
- c) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of an administrative activity that will not result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to reject all bids opened on April 25, 2023 for the Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Project (Project No. SC8355), re-advertise, and receive bids of the Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Project for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

On April 25, 2023, the Flood Control District (District) received one (1) bid for the Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Project. Beador Construction Company, Inc. submitted the only responsive bid for

the amount of \$4,181,700. The engineer's construction cost estimate for the base contract was \$2,991,000.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code (PCC), which requires the project to be publicly posted and advertised for competitive bidding. The District analyzed the only bid received and determined the bid is responsive and responsible. If awarded, the contract would be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However, due to the federal grant funding requirements and California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) guidance, the single bid was found to be a "noncompetitive procurement" and therefore not reimbursable through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant. This project has a limited construction window due to environmental permitting constraints and time-of-year considerations. The delay in reposting this project for public bid makes construction infeasible this year, requiring that the project be delayed until next construction season. Because of this, the District recommends rejecting the bid and re-advertising the project in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Under the PCC, the District may, at its discretion, reject all bids and after reevaluating its cost estimates of the project re-advertise for bids in the manner required under the PCC.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded a grant for the Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Project under their HMGP in the total amount of \$1,887,486. Due to the latest determination from CalOES/FEMA, the District will formally submit a POP (Period of Performance) extension for project continuance next year.

Background:

On January 9, 2018, the 1-9 Debris Flow filled and overtopped the Cold Springs Debris Basin (as well as many other debris basins below the Thomas Fire area). In 2020, the debris basin was expanded by the Cold Springs Debris Basin Expansion Project. On January 9, 2023, the Cold Springs Debris Basin once again filled in and overtopped.

In 2017 the Board of Directors approved an Updated Debris Basin Maintenance & Removal Plan (DBMRP) to incorporate designs and plans to improve select debris basins along the South Coast in accordance with the District's 10 year Corps of Engineers Standard Individual Permit. Following the 1/9/2018 Debris Flow, the District sought to maintain the capacity for large debris capture in the designated basins while meeting the DBMRP objectives. The resulting 2022 Updated Debris Basin Maintenance & Management Plan (DBMMP) described the proposed development for various debris basins, including Cold Springs Debris Basin.

The project goal is to improve the performance of the debris basin and enhance fish passage for steelhead trout (an endangered species) by refining the outlet structure design and connection to the downstream channel. The design focuses on establishing a more natural sediment conveyance through the system while capturing large debris during larger storm events and during burned watershed conditions.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Costs for this project are included in this year's adopted budget in the Water Resources Division in the Public Works Department as shown on page D-424 in the budget book. Construction costs are also included in the proposed FY 2023-24 budget and will also be included in the FY 2024-25 budget since construction of this project is anticipated to continue into summer of 2024. No General Fund monies will be utilized for this project.

This project is also included in the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program.

Special Instructions:

Please email a copy of the minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

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