



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: October 5, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064

SUBJECT: Bella Vista Low Water Crossing Replacement; County Project 830358; First 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 Supervisors:

- a) Approve plans and specifications for the Construction of the Bella Vista Low Water Crossing Replacement; County Projects 830358; First Supervisorial District, on file in the Public Works Department office;
- b) Award the attached construction contract in the amount of \$257,550 to the lowest responsible bidder, Schock Contracting Corporation, P.O. Box 61505, Santa Barbara, CA 93160, subject to the provision of documents and certifications, as set forth in the specifications applicable to the project, as required under California Law;
- c) Approve the plans and specifications, and authorize the Chair to execute the attached construction contract for the Bella Vista Low Water Crossing Replacement; County Projects 830358; and
- d) Authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to approve changes or additions to the work being performed under the construction contract in an amount not to exceed \$26,128, plus an additional amount of \$15,000 for supplemental work items for the Bella Vista Low Water Crossing Replacement; County Projects 830358; First Supervisorial District, for a total not to exceed authorization of \$298,678.

e) Determine the project was found by the Board to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and that the Director of Public Works or designee was authorized to advertise for bids to construct this project on November 6, 2018. A Notice of Exemption was filed on this basis on September 26, 2018, and the proposed action is within the scope of the above reference Notice of Exemption.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to award a construction contract to replace a damaged low water crossing on Bella Vista Drive over Romero Creek.

On Thursday, September 2, 2021, five bids were opened for this project. Schock Contracting Corporation submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$272,550 which is 64% over the Engineer's Estimate. The Department analyzed the bid and determined the lowest bidder is responsible and responsive. The lowest responsible bid is 11% below the second bidder and 15% below the third low bidder. The bid is significantly above the Engineer's Estimate, which reflects the current bidding climate and the recent large increases in the costs of materials and a demand for contracting services. The low bid and third low bidder are within 15% of each other, indicating these bids are the current market rate for performing this work. As a result, the department recommends awarding this project to Schock Contracting Corporation in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to go to the lowest responsible bidder. Work is scheduled to begin in October. The road will be closed during construction.



Existing Bella Vista low water crossing with plugged culverts

Background:

The low water crossing on Bella Vista over Romero Creek is often inundated, leading to road closures. Since the Thomas Fire, denuded slopes and a steep stream gradient have lead to frequent closures throughout the rainy season. The road is often covered with mud, water, rock, and debris that cannot be removed until the water stops flowing. This often takes weeks. The low water crossing was replaced with

temporary culverts to help reduce closures in 2017. Although these have helped reduce flow onto the road, they become plugged easily and have been damaged by repeated large boulder flows. This low water crossing replacement includes a 17 foot long bottomless arch culvert. The larger span and bottomless configuration will reduce incidents of plugging and facilitate easier cleaning when it is impacted by debris and rocks.

Your Board approved the filing of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption on November 6, 2018, as part of the repair of storm damage sites approval for the declared 18STM1 event, in conformance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis and Narrative:

The total construction costs, including contingencies and supplemental amounts to \$298,677 and will be funded by State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funds budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0016, Org. 0500, Program 2920, Account 7510.

Key Contract Risks:

This contract has been assigned a risk assessment of moderate and includes a termination for convenience clause.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified, stamped Minute Order and one copy of the signature page of the executed Contract to: Gail Ocheltree, Public Works Transportation, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, 805.568.3094

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Construction Contract for Bella Vista Low Water Crossing Replacement; County Project 830358; First Supervisorial District; First Supervisorial District
- Attachment B: Original Signed Special Provisions Signature Sheet
- Attachment C: Original half size Plan Title Sheet
- Attachment D: Notice of Exemption (Copy from November 6, 2018)

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