



Watsonville
CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GREEN
RECOMMENDED BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE MILES LANE SEWER PUMP STATION
REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. SS-22-14798 AND AUTHORIZE REBID
WITHOUT PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution considering all bids non-responsive for the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation, Project No. SS-22-14798, and authorize rebidding the project without the City's Project Labor Agreement as agreed upon with the Monterey/Santa Cruz Building & Construction Trades.

BACKGROUND:

The City bid the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation, Project No. SS-22-14798 for the second time and did not receive responsive bids, requiring action.

DISCUSSION:

On August 30, 2022, the Council adopted Resolution No. 161-22 (CM) approving plans and specifications and calling for bids for the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation, Project No. SS-22-14798. The engineer's estimate was \$1.25 million, above the \$600,000 limit subject to the City's Project Labor Agreement in accordance with Municipal Code 7-17.05. Bids were due by 2:00pm on October 6, 2022, at which time no bids were received.

The project scope was modified to eliminate the longer lead generator purchase and simplify the project with the hope of attracting more bidders. The updated engineer's estimate was \$800,000, and the project was rebid. Bids were due February 4, 2025, by 3:00 pm. Although two bids were received, staff determined both bidders to be non-responsive due to not meeting the City's standard minimum

experience requirements in the bid documents. Therefore, no responsive bids were received on the project.

For the past two years, the City and Monterey/Santa Cruz Building & Construction Trades (MSCBCT) Council have been in informal discussions to modernize the City's Project Labor Agreement. One such improvement is an exception to the applicability of the PLA for water and wastewater projects that require specialized experience for which the local bidder pool is small. While the City and MSCBCT continue to discuss modernized PLA language for mutual adoption, the Trades Council has agreed not to object to the City rebidding the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Project without the PLA, as noted in the attached letter received May 7th, 2025.

Staff therefore recommends that Council consider all bids received non-responsive and authorize the rebid of the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation project without the PLA. A letter authorizing this from the union is attached to this staff report.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

The project qualifies as Categorical Exempt under the CEQA in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (c), Class 2, replacement or reconstruction because the project involves the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility system facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and none of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 have been determined to apply, specifically, no unusual circumstances related to the project existing that would cause significant effect on the environment as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15382.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action is consistent with Strategic Plan goals

Infrastructure & Environment

Fiscal Health

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact at this time. Upon rebid, the bid results will be brought back to Council for consideration of award at which time any financial impacts will be defined.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

- 1) Letter from Monterey/Santa Cruz County Building & Construction Trades Council