



**Watsonville**  
CALIFORNIA

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**WRITTEN BY:** ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR GREEN  
**RECOMMENDED BY:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG  
**APPROVED BY:** TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER  
  
**SUBJECT:** AWARD BID TO WESTROCK ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE MILES LANE SEWER PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT, NO. SS-22-14798 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,115,200

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution awarding a construction contract to WestRock Engineering, a corporation, for the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project, No. SS-22-14798, for a base bid amount of \$995,200 and Add Alternate 1 (Line Existing Gravity Sewer) for \$120,000 for a total amount of \$1,115,200, authorizing and directing City Manager to execute the contract; and finding the project exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15302 (Class 2)

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project, No. SS-22-14798 was publicly bid two times previously with the City's Project Labor Agreement (PLA), both times receiving no responsive bids. The project was rebid a third time without the PLA, and it is ready to be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

### **DISCUSSION:**

At the May 13, 2025, meeting, City Council adopted Resolution 114-25 (CM), considering all bids non-responsive and authorizing the second rebid of the Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project, No. SS-22-14798 without the City's Project Labor Agreement.

In accordance with Title 7, Chapter 14 of the City of Watsonville Municipal Code, formal bids for the project were received and publicly opened on June 25, 2025 at 3:05pm through the City's electronic

bidding platform. The following bids were received. The bid documents identified that low bid amount would be determined by Base Bid only:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Total Add Alternates</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
<b>WestRock Engineering</b>	<b>\$995,200.00</b>	\$325,200.00	\$1,320,400.00
RCH Construction	\$1,065,376.11	\$174,039.27	\$1,239,415.38
Don Chapin Co.	\$1,083,640.00	\$254,600.00	\$1,338,240.00
SW Construction	\$1,136,860.60	\$212,196.25	\$1,349,056.85
Monterey Peninsula Engineering	\$1,304,000.00	\$346,400.00	\$1,650,400.00
Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction	\$1,310,380.00	\$247,600.00	\$1,557,980.00
Pacific Underground Construction	\$1,345,895.00	\$310,110.00	\$1,656,005.00

The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was determined to be WestRock Engineering, with a Base Bid amount of \$995,200. The engineer's estimate for the project Base Bid was \$800,000.

There were three add alternate bid items which included A1 – Line Existing Gravity Sewer, A2 – Install 2" Conduit for Future Fiber, and A3 – Slurry Seal. After review, staff recommends item A1 - Line Existing Gravity Sewer be awarded with the Base Bid for a total contract award of \$1,115,200. A detailed breakdown of all bid items and add alternates is included in the attachment to this report. A2 is not recommended for award as the low bidder's price for it was the highest of all bids received. A3 is not recommended for award as the road was resurfaced recently.

This project is the highest priority sewer lift station improvement project in the sewer collections system which has been awaiting a successful bid process to begin construction since the design was completed in 2022. Staff therefore recommends that Council award the construction contract to WestRock Engineering and authorize and direct City Manager to execute the construction contract.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:**

The Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Project SS-22-14798 is Categorically Exempt under Guidelines Section 15302 (c), Class 2, replacement or reconstruction, because the project involves the replacement or reconstruction of existing public sewer 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:**

Awarding this construction contract is consistent with Strategic Plan Goal:

## **Infrastructure & Environment**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This project has been planned in the Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Improvements project since 2020 and has been carried forward since, awaiting the completion of design and a successful bid process. There is sufficient budget available in account 911-7835-14798 to cover the total amount of this contract which is \$1,115,200.00.

### **ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

### **ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):**

1) Miles Lane Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project Bid Summary