



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Public Works



**Date:** June 16, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 21, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** James C. Porter, Director of Public Works  
**Subject:** Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District - Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Along Eleanor Drive and a Portion of Stockbridge Avenue and Melanie Lane (Project No. SF015, File No. 1/4897)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Acting as the Governing Board of the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District, adopt a resolution:

- A) Adopt plans and specifications, including conformance with prevailing wage scale requirements, for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Along Eleanor Drive and a Portion of Stockbridge Avenue and Melanie Lane; and
- B) Authorize the President of the Board to execute an agreement with D'Arcy & Harty Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,782,998 for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Along Eleanor Drive and a Portion of Stockbridge Avenue and Melanie Lane; and
- C) Authorize the Director of Public Works to:
  - 1. Execute subsequent change orders to grant time extensions for project completion and payment up to a maximum aggregate amount not to exceed \$178,302, or approximately 10% of the agreement amount; and
  - 2. File a Notice of Exemption for a California Environmental Quality Act Categorical Exemption.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 23, 2007, your Board adopted Resolution No. 068509, which "streamlined" the bid process for non-controversial sewer inspection, maintenance and rehabilitation

projects, and authorized the Director of Public Works to develop plans and specifications and to call for bids for the types of projects identified in said resolution.

**DISCUSSION:**

An increase in the required frequency of routine preventative maintenance activities or sewer pipe cleaning on sanitary sewer facilities often indicates the need for infrastructure improvements, repairs or replacement. The Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District (District) has experienced an increase in preventative maintenance and emergency response associated with the sewer pipes in the Project limits including pipes along Eleanor Drive, Stockbridge Avenue and Melanie Lane. The primary issues have been associated with root intrusion into the sewer pipes through pipe joints or cracked pipes. These issues generally indicate the need to evaluate pipes for repair or replacement. The District performed a Closed Circuit Television inspection of the District facilities within the Project limits and determined that it is necessary to replace the sewer facilities.

The proposed project, totaling approximately 2.3 miles in length, consists of replacing existing sanitary sewer pipes and manholes in poor condition, reconnecting existing sewer laterals to the new District pipes, and restoring existing surfaces (pavement and affected landscaping) affected by the work. The project is within the road right-of-ways operated and maintained by the Towns of Atherton and Woodside and significant portions of the project are within sewer or public utility easements that are on private properties. The District has coordinated with both Towns, worked with specific property owners on unique issues within the easement areas, and has provided and will continue to provide notice of the project to all affected property owners. Additionally, the project includes work in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and State of California Department of Transportation right-of-ways.

On Wednesday, July 8, 2015, bids were accepted for this project and subsequently referred to this office for checking and recommendation. The bid of:

D'Arcy & Harty Construction, Inc.  
1300 Carroll Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94124

at \$1,782,998 was the lowest responsible bid received for the work. The Engineer's Estimate was \$2,085,000. A summary of the bids received is attached as Exhibit "A".

Department staff has determined that this project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for Implementation, which provides that repair and maintenance of existing public or private utilities involving negligible or no expansion of use, is exempt from review. We request your authorization to file a Notice of Exemption for a CEQA Categorical Exemption for this project.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and agreement as to form.

Approval of this action will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by maintaining the integrity of the sanitary sewer infrastructure and protecting the environment for the benefit of the public and the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total estimated construction cost is \$1,961,300, which includes authorization for up to \$178,302 in change orders as the work is bid on a unit price basis. The contingency is used to pay the Contractor for any unforeseen conditions not anticipated in the construction agreement documents.

The project is proposed to be financed by district funds.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

Attachment: Exhibit "A" – Summary of Bids Received

EXHIBIT "A"

SUMMARY OF BIDS RECEIVED

**FAIR OAKS SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT  
ALONG ELEANOR DRIVE AND A PORTION OF  
STOCKBRIDGE AVENUE AND MELANIE LANE**

**COUNTY PROJECT NO. SF015  
PROJECT FILE NO. 1/4897**

<b>Contractor Name</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
1. D'Arcy & Harty Construction, Inc.	\$ 1,782,998
2. K.J. Woods Construction, Inc.	\$ 1,868,000
3. Precision Engineering, Inc.	\$ 1,912,560