



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: August 18, 2015
Board Meeting Date: November 3, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors, Acting as the Governing Board of the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Closed Circuit Television Pipeline and Manhole Inspection Project (Project No. SF001)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- A) Rejecting all bids received for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Closed Circuit Television Pipeline and Manhole Inspection Project; and
- B) Authorizing the Director of Public Works to re-advertise the project for bids.

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.

On August 5, 2014, your Board adopted Resolution No. 073304, re-certifying the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) for the ten County Sewer Maintenance and Sanitation Districts. Your Board also directed the Director of Public Works to implement and periodically update the revised SSMP as necessary to comply with current regulatory requirements and best practices.

Periodic visual and closed circuit television (CCTV) inspections of manholes and sewer pipes in the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District (District) are included in Element 6, “Measures and Activities (Operation and Maintenance Program)”, of the SSMP as part of a system for ranking the condition of sewer pipes and scheduling rehabilitation work.

Plans and specifications, dated August 19, 2015, were prepared and approved by the Director of Public Works for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Closed Circuit Television Pipeline and Manhole Inspection Project; and said plans and specifications have been filed in the office of the Director of Public Works (the "Plans and Specifications").

DISCUSSION:

On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, three (3) bids were received for this project and referred to this office for analysis and recommendation. The bid of Pipeline Video Inspection, LLC, at \$388,751 was the lowest bid received. A summary of the bids received is as follows:

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| 1. Pipeline Video Inspection, LLC | \$388,751 |
| 2. NorCal Pipeline Services | \$701,388 |
| 3. National Plant Services, Inc. | \$881,555 |

The apparent low bidder, Pipeline Video Inspection, LLC, currently does not possess, or is likely to be able to possess the appropriate license or licenses from the California Contractor's License Board within the time frame as specified in the "Notice to Contractor's" section of the Specifications. This contractor is currently licensed in Arizona and Texas, but not California. The remaining bids significantly exceeded the Engineer's Estimate of \$395,675. Therefore, the Department is recommending that all bids received for this project be rejected as provided for in the "Notice to Contractors" section of the Specifications and that the Director of Public Works be authorized to re-advertise the project as soon as possible.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution 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:

Rejecting all bids and authorizing re-advertisement of the project is estimated to cost approximately \$3,000 in staff time, and will be paid for by District funds.

There is no impact to the General Fund.