



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 16, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Contract For Construction Of The Alameda Park Well Relocation Project – Infrastructure And Site Restoration

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Reject the apparent low bid for construction from Aguilera Brothers Construction, Inc., as non-responsive for the Alameda Park Well Relocation Project – Infrastructure and Site Restoration; and
- B. Award a contract with Brough Construction, Inc., in their lowest responsive bid amount of \$180,855 for construction of the Alameda Park Well Relocation Project – Infrastructure and Site Restoration, Bid No. 3728; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract and approve expenditures up to \$18,100 to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders for extra work and differences between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities measured for payment.

DISCUSSION:

BACKGROUND

The Alameda Park Well (Well) was constructed in 1990 and draws water from Storage Unit 1 in the Downtown area. The City relies on this Well as one of the many potable water sources meeting the needs of its customers. In the last months of 2013, corrosion of the Well component led to the well no longer being viable for water production.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The work consists of the installation of connective piping and electrical conduit for the relocated Well and restoration of the site post construction. The work includes replacement of removed trees, installation and removal of tree protection measures, along with landscaping and restoration of all construction impacted areas.

On November 25, 2014, Council approved the City Charter Findings for the Well site, which required that an agreement be in place prior to the beginning of construction between the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments for the use of parkland.

BID REJECTION

The apparent low bid received from Aguilera Brothers Construction, Inc. is non-responsive for lack of compliance with Section A2.10 Qualification of Bidders, in reference to the three years experience requirement. Aguilera Brothers submitted two-years of stated experience, referencing only two previous completed projects. Neither reference represents the full character of work experience as required.

The bid submitted by Brough Construction, Inc. is the lowest responsive bid.

CONTRACT BIDS

A total of (number) bids were received for the subject work, ranging as follows:

	BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
1.	Aguilera Brothers Const. Inc. Santa Paula, CA	*\$161,115
2.	Brough Construction, Inc. Arroyo Grande, CA	\$180,855
3.	Lash Construction, Inc. Santa Barbara, CA	\$191,111
4.	Sansone Company, Inc. San Luis Obispo, CA	\$202,896

*Bid rejected as non-responsive

The low bid of \$180,855, submitted by Brough Construction, Inc., is an acceptable bid that is responsive to and meets the requirements of the bid specifications. The change order funding recommendation of \$18,100, or 10 percent, is typical for this type of work and size of project.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

There are multiple methods of community outreach being performed during the construction phase of this project. Staff sent out mailers to all residents on adjacent blocks to the construction site on November 6, 2014. Closure signs will be posted two to three weeks ahead of construction to alert residents, homeowners, and patrons of the park of the pending work. During construction, a large informational construction sign will be placed at the site.

FUNDING

This project is funded by the Drought Fund. There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Drought Fund to cover the cost of this project.

The following summarizes the expenditures recommended in this report:

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FUNDING SUMMARY

	Basic Contract	Change Funds	Total
Brough Const., Inc.	\$180,855	\$18,100	\$198,955
TOTAL RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION			\$198,955

The following summarizes all project design costs, construction contract funding, and other project costs:

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST

**Cents have been rounded to the nearest dollar in this table.*

	Drilling *	Infrastructure	Total
Design (by Contract)			\$89,836
City Staff Costs			\$143,404
Subtotal			\$233,240
Construction Contract	\$1,094,725	\$180,855	\$1,275,580
Construction Change Order Allowance	\$110,000	\$18,100	\$128,100
Subtotal	\$1,204,725	\$198,955	\$1,403,680
Other Construction Costs (testing, etc.)	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$30,000
Construction Management/Inspection (by Contract)	\$104,665	\$30,000	\$134,665
Construction Management/Inspection (by City Staff) **	\$53,934	\$35,956	\$89,890
Subtotal	\$183,599	\$70,956	\$254,555
TOTAL PROJECT COST			\$1,891,475

* Awarded as a separate project on December 9, 2014.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The City relies on groundwater as one the many potable water sources meeting the needs of its customers. The Well provides one of the more substantial production capacities compared to the other wells within the City.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office