



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 13, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Engineering Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Contract For Construction Of The Sewer Main Point Repairs Fiscal Year 2015 Project

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Reject the bid protest of Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corporation; and
- B. Award a contract to Lash Construction, Inc., in their low bid amount of \$526,261.30 for construction of the Sewer Main Point Repairs Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) Project, Bid No. 3736, and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract and approve expenditures up to \$52,626.00 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 City of Santa Barbara owns and operates a 257-mile municipal wastewater collection system. To help manage this infrastructure, the City has an asset management program, which includes performing routine inspection on sewer mains and manholes; prioritizing damaged sewer mains and manholes for repair based on inspection results; and performing necessary repairs to bring the infrastructure into a good state of repair.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of performing point repairs on six and eight-inch diameter sanitary sewer mains at various locations throughout the city. The contractor will generally use trenchless repair technology to repair sections of damaged sewer mains without excavating or lining the entire sewer main. However, some repairs will require traditional excavation methods to repair. The contractor will also rehabilitate sewer lateral connections and sewer manholes.

## BID PROTEST

On November 20, 2014, four bids were received and opened for the project. Lash Construction, Inc. (Lash) was the apparent low bidder. The second apparent low bidder, Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corporation (Southwest), filed a timely protest to the City concerning Lash's bid. Southwest asserted that Lash's bid should be rejected as non-responsive because Lash did not meet the required prime contractor self performance percentage of performing at least 50% of the work, and that their bid items may be unbalanced. Based on this protest, the City reviewed Lash's bid, the contract specifications, and written communication from Lash. After evaluation of all the information available, the City's Public Works staff and the City Attorney's Office find Lash's proposal to be responsive to the bid specifications.

Please reference the indexed Reading File located in the City Clerk's Office to review the documents pertaining to the bid protest.

## CONTRACT BIDS

A total of four (4) bids were received for the subject work, ranging as follows:

	<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>
1.	<b>Lash Construction, Inc. Santa Barbara, CA</b>	<b>\$526,261.30</b>
2.	Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp. Torrance, CA	\$536,227.60
3.	Brough Construction, Inc. Arroyo Grande, CA	\$677,687.00
4.	GRFCO, Inc. Brea, CA	\$710,986.00*

\*Corrected Bid Amount

The low bid of \$526,261.30, submitted by Lash, is an acceptable bid that is responsive to and meets the requirements of the bid specifications. Staff recommends that Council reject the bid protest of Southwest, and award and authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract with Lash in the amount of \$526,261.30

The change order funding recommendation of \$52,626.00, or 10 percent, is typical for this type of work and size of project.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Staff will send out Pre-Construction Notification Letters approximately two weeks prior to the start of construction to residents and businesses adjacent to work areas. The contractor is also required to provide door hangers to affected residences and businesses 72 hours prior to construction.

FUNDING

This Project is funded by the Wastewater Capital fund and there are sufficient appropriated funds to cover the cost of this Project.

The following summarizes the expenditures recommended in this report:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FUNDING SUMMARY**

	<b>Basic Contract</b>	<b>Change Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lash Construction	\$526,261.30	\$52,626.00	\$578,887.30
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION</b>			<b>\$578,887.30</b>

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.*

Design: City Staff Costs	\$40,114
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$40,114</b>
Construction Contract	\$526,261
Construction Change Order Allowance	\$52,626
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$578,887</b>
City Construction Staff: Construction Management, Inspection	\$54,693
City Design Staff: Design Support Services and Record Drawings	\$18,350
Materials Testing	\$5,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$78,043</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$697,044</b>

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Repair and rehabilitation of the wastewater collection system will ensure that wastewater is effectively conveyed to the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Rebecca J. Bjork, Public Works Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office