

September 26, 2023

Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Board of Supervisors
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Approval of the Plans and Specifications Including Addenda No. 1 and 2, for the Calleguas Creek Downstream of Upland Road Bridge 2023 Sediment Removal Project; Find the Project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; Waive Any Minor Bid Irregularities; Award of, and Authorization for the Director of Public Works Agency, or His Designee, to Execute a Contract with Sukut Construction, LLC in the Amount of \$5,415,628.00; Project Specification No. WP24-01; Project No. P6086025; Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Process the Necessary Accounting Transactions; Supervisorial District No. 3; Watershed Protection District Zone 3; Recommendation No. 5 (REQUIRES 4/5THS VOTE).

Recommendations:

1. Approve the Plans and Specifications, including Addenda Nos. 1 and 2, for the Calleguas Creek DS of Upland Road Bridge 2023 Sediment Removal, located in the Camarillo, CA (see attached Exhibits 3, 4, and 5); Specification No. WP24-01, Project No. P6086025;
2. Waive any minor bid irregularities;
3. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works Agency, or his designee, to execute the Contract of the subject project to Sukut Construction, LLC of Santa Ana, CA, on the basis of the lowest responsive and responsible bid of \$5,415,628.00;
4. Find that the Calleguas Creek DS of Upland Road Bridge 2023 Sediment Removal project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Class 1, Section 15301, approve the project and CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE), and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to sign and file the NOE with the County Clerk; and



5. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the accounting transactions necessary to increase appropriations for Watershed Protection District Zone 3, Fund S730 (4/5ths vote required):

INCREASE 4230 Services and Supplies \$ 5,415,628.00
 DECREASE 4230 Fund Balances Restricted \$ 5,415,628.00
 Public Protection

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
 Source of Funding: Watershed Protection District Zone 3
 Funding Match Required: No
 Impact on Other Department(s): None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

		<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>
Revenue:	\$		\$	
Costs:				
Direct	\$	7,043,103	\$	
Indirect – Agency/Dept.	\$	35,041	\$	
Indirect – County CAP	\$	1,774	\$	
Total Costs	\$	7,079,918	\$	
Net Costs	\$	7,079,918	\$	
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$	0	\$	0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

Current FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for Watershed Protection District Zone 3 - Unit 4230				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 21,422,484	\$ 21,422,484	\$ 21,422,484	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 15,616,900	\$ 15,616,900	\$ 15,616,900	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 5,805,584	\$ 5,805,584	\$ 5,805,584	\$ 0

Sufficient appropriations will be available in the FY 2023-24 Watershed Protection District Zone 3 budget after approval of Recommendation No. 5.



Discussion:

The proposed project is located in Calleguas Creek within the City of Camarillo, CA (see the attached Vicinity and Location Maps, Exhibits 1 and 2). The scope of work consists of clearing and grubbing, excavation of approximately 237,612 cubic yards (CY) of sediment, loading, hauling out excavated material, and stockpiling at designated locations as shown in the Contract documents, Exhibits 3, 4 and 5. The reach of concern starts approximately 200 feet upstream of the Upland Road bridge and continues downstream for approximately 5,000 feet to meet approximately the existing invert elevation of Calleguas Creek.

This work is urgently needed for two reasons: 1) this year's rainy season deposited a significant sediment load creating a lack of clearance under the Upland Road bridge, and 2) the forecast atmospheric phenomenon known as "EL Niño", which is expected to bring severe storm events this coming year. Currently, the Upland Road bridge has 8 feet of clearance, measured from the creek bed to the bridge soffit. This channel reach is an aggradation reach, which means that sediment accumulates over time. The channel was last cleaned in 2006. The objective of the sediment removal is to create a pilot channel and increase the bridge clearance (flow capacity) by an additional 10 feet for a total clearance of 18 feet. No additional right of way is needed for this project.

Bids for the subject project plans and specifications, and Addenda 1 and 2 (Exhibits 3, 4 and 5) were opened on September 7, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. A copy of the abstract of the bids received is attached as Exhibit 6. The bids have been checked and are considered to be in satisfactory form. Your Board is being requested to authorize the Director of the Public Works Agency, or his designee, to award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bid in the amount of \$5,415,628.00, which was submitted by Sukut Construction, LCC of Santa Ana, California, which is within 20 percent of the Engineer's estimate of \$5,420,000.00.

A Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Environmental Protection Measures for the Ongoing Routine Operations and Maintenance Program was prepared in May 2008 (State Clearinghouse No. 2002091107). All applicable Best Management Practices described in the EIR will be used for the proposed project. The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The NOE will be filed after your Board's approval (See Exhibit 7).

The estimated total project costs are as follows:

Preliminary Engineering:	\$ 135,000*
Construction Contract:	\$ 5,415,628
Construction Engineering:	\$ 464,000
Right of Way:	\$ 5,000
Contingencies:	\$ 1,084,400
Total	\$ 7,104,028



*\$24,110 in Preliminary Engineering costs were incurred in previous fiscal years.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. The Contract is on a standard form previously reviewed by County Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call the undersigned at (805) 654-2040.

Sincerely,



Glenn Shephard, P.E.
Director
Watershed Protection District

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map
- Exhibit 2 – Location Map
- Exhibit 3 – Plans and Specifications
- Exhibit 4 – Addendum 1
- Exhibit 5 – Addendum 2
- Exhibit 6 – Abstract of Bids
- Exhibit 7 – CEQA NOE

