

February 28, 2023

Boards of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Approval of the Plans and Specifications, including Addendum No. 1, for the Proposed Well No. 97 Replacement Project (Project); Waiver of Minor Bid Irregularities; Award of, and Authorization for the Director of Public Works Agency or Designee to Execute, a Contract with Best Drilling and Pump, Inc of Colton, California in the Amount of \$2,066,546, Specification No. WW22-01, Project No. 31806; Finding that the Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; Waterworks District No. 1 (Moorpark), Supervisorial District No. 4.

Recommendations:

1. Approve the attached Plans and Specifications (Exhibit 1), including attached Addendum No. 1 (Exhibit 2), for the proposed Well No. 97 Replacement project (Project), Specification No. WW22-01, Project No. 31806.
2. Waive any minor bid irregularities.
3. Award of, and authorize the Director of Public Works Agency or designee to execute, a contract to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. of Colton, California for construction of the Project on the basis of the lowest responsive bid of \$2,066,546.
4. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under section 15302(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and that no exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 preclude use of this exemption.



Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Ventura County Waterworks District No.1
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 2,120,739	\$ 236,841
Indirect/Agency Dept.	\$ 59,004	\$ 12,212
Indirect/County CAP	\$ 2,909	\$ 602
Total Costs	\$ 2,182,652	\$ 249,655
Net District Costs	\$ 2,182,652	\$ 249,655
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year (FY) Budget Projections:

Current FY 2022-23 Budget Projection for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 - Unit 4300				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$27,566,200	\$28,421,800	\$25,627,400	\$ 2,794,400
Revenue	\$20,197,700	\$20,197,700	\$18,531,500	\$ (1,666,200)
Net Cost	\$ 7,368,500	\$ 8,224,100	\$ 7,095,900	\$ 1,128,200

Appropriations are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Projected Budget. Approximately 90% of the estimated total project cost of \$2,432,307 is expected to be expended in FY 2022-23 and the remaining 10% will be expended in FY 2023-24. Unencumbered costs will be included in the FY 2023-24 Budget as appropriate. Net Cost totals include capital outlay and transfers-out.

Discussion:

Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1's (District) Well No. 97 Replacement project (Project) consists of constructing, developing, and testing a new potable water supply well to replace the existing failed Well No. 97. Under the proposed Project, a new well



would be constructed on the same site as the existing Well 97. Also included in the Project is the destruction of the existing Well 97. The Project Plans and Specifications are attached as Exhibit 1. Addendum No. 1, attached as Exhibit 2, was issued to clarify the Plans and Specifications.

Bids for the Project were opened on January 12, 2023. A total of 4 bids were received. A copy of the bid abstract is attached as Exhibit 3. The bids have been reviewed and are considered to be in satisfactory form. The lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$2,066,546 was submitted by Best Drilling and Pump, Inc of Colton, California. The lowest responsive bid is approximately 5% below the Engineer's estimate of \$2,191,661 which is within the reasonable range of probable construction cost.

The lowest bid appears to be reasonable and reflects the value of the work to be done as evidenced by examination of the bids received. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc.

The Project involves replacement of existing structures and facilities on the same site as the existing structures and facilities are currently located, will have substantially the same purpose and capacity and involves negligible or no expansion of capacity. Therefore, staff has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under section 15302(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. Staff has also determined that no unusual circumstances or other factors set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 preclude use of this categorical exemption. The District will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk upon approval of the Plans and Specifications and award of the construction contract by your Board.

The estimated total Project costs are as follows:

Design:	\$ 135,000.00*
(includes preliminary engineering, permitting, real estate, design)	
Construction Contract:	\$2,066,546.00
Construction Engineering:	\$ 215,000.00
(includes construction survey, inspection, administration, materials testing, project engineering)	
Easements:	\$ 5,000.00
Contingencies:	\$ <u>110,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,531,546.00

* Represents costs expended in prior years.



This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (805) 378-3005.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Pope, P.E.
Director
Water and Sanitation

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 Location Map
- Exhibit 2 Vicinity Site Map
- Exhibit 3 Project Specifications
- Exhibit 4 Addendum No. 1
- Exhibit 5 Abstract of Bids Opened on Jan 28, 2023

