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Napa Sanitation District Board Agenda Letter

TO: Honorable Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Reject all bids for the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Adjustment Project, Phase VII (CIP 13702)

RECOMMENDATION

Reject all bids for the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Adjustment Project, Phase VII (CIP 13702).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 12, 2018, NapaSan received 3 bids for the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Adjustment Project, Phase VII. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost for the project was \$155,000.00. J.A. Gonsalves & Son Construction, Inc. was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$168,802 which is 9% higher than the engineer's estimate. J.A. Gonsalves & Son Construction, Inc. has since requested to withdraw their bid, on the basis that a clerical error was made on the estimator's worksheet.

The second lowest bid was submitted by Hess Concrete Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$274,150 which is approximately 62% higher than the low bid. The high bid was submitted at \$299,885.

Notices of the bid were sent to regional and national plan rooms. After discussions with bidders, NapaSan staff learned that bid prices were higher than expected due to the timing of the project construction, uncertainty in ability to sequence work efficiently and meet contract time constraints, and challenges in obtaining traffic control plan approval.

This project was designed raise to grade approximately 85 sanitary sewer manholes and 10 sanitary sewer flush holes after completion of the City of Napa's annual paving projects. Replacement of an additional 12 large diameter manhole frames and covers were also included in the project, to facilitate NapaSan access to critical trunk mains.

Staff recommends that all bids be rejected, due to the low bidder's request to withdraw and the difference in price

between the low bid and second lowest bid.

If the Board approves the rejection of bids, staff will recommend approval of a modified project as part of a separate agenda item.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The areas in which manholes to be adjusted are situated are included in a Notice of Exemption that was filed with Napa County Recorder on May 18, 2017.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Section 00100-14.0 of the Contract Documents provide for withdrawal of bids, as follows:

"In accordance with Public Contract Code 5103, within five (5) days after the opening of bids, a bidder may be permitted to withdraw its bid providing the bidder can establish to the Owner's satisfaction that a mistake was made in preparing the bid. A bidder desiring to withdraw shall give written notice to the Owner, specifying, in detail, how the mistake occurred and how the mistake made the bid materially different than it was intended to be. Withdrawal will not be permitted for mistakes resulting from errors in judgment or carelessness in inspecting the site of the work or in reading the Contract Documents."

A copy of a letter from J.A. Gonsalves, requesting to withdraw their bid, is attached.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . CIP 13702 Phase VII Bid Results
- B . Bid Withdrawal Letter - J.A. Gonsalves

Napa Sanitation District: Approve

Reviewed By: Timothy Healy