APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SWENSON PARK NORTH SANITARY PUMP STATION VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT M11007

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a motion approving all environmental findings, plans, specification and addenda, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Soracco & Sons of Sutter Creek, California in the amount of $55,000 for the Swenson Park North Sanitary Pump Station Valve Replacement (Project M11007).

This motion will also authorize the City Manager to take appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this motion.

Summary

The Swenson Park North Sanitary Pump Station is located in Swenson Park and serves Central Stockton. It receives sanitary waste from Central Stockton and pumps it, under pressure, towards the Regional Wastewater Control Facility. The existing gate valves were installed in 1980 and are no longer functioning. If approved, this project will provide for the removal and replacement of two 24-inch gate valves located at the Swenson Park North Sanitary Pump Station. In accordance with Stockton Municipal Code, a competitive bid process was conducted inviting contractors to provide bids for the valve replacement. This action will facilitate the award of a construction contract to Soracco & Sons of Sutter Creek, California in the amount not to exceed $55,000.

DISCUSSION

Background

The Swenson Park North Sanitary Pump Station is located in Swenson Park and serves Central Stockton. It receives sanitary waste from Central Stockton and pumps it, under pressure, towards the Regional Wastewater Control Facility. The existing gate valves were installed in 1980 and are no longer functioning. The valves are used by operators to block flows to specific pumps within the pump station. This function is necessary should a pump need to be taken down for repairs or replacement. Replacement of these valves is necessary for the safe and reliable operation of the sewer pump station. This action will remove the existing valves and replace them with new valves.

Present Situation

The Municipal Utilities Department advertised bids for the Swenson Park North Sanitary Pump Station Valve Replacement Project (Project M11007) on July 1 and 2, 2013 in the Stockton Record. On Thursday, July 25, 2013, two bids were received by the City Clerk as follows:
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<th>COMPANY NAME</th>
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<td>1. Soracco &amp; Sons</td>
<td>Sutter Creek, CA</td>
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<td>2. DR Pipeline, Inc.</td>
<td>Lathrop, CA</td>
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There was an error in the original calculation of the engineer’s estimate. Only one gate valve was included in the estimate instead of the required two. Due to this oversight, the engineer’s estimate at $42,960 was $15,000 lower than the correct estimate of $57,960. In any case, the bids were approximately 3 to 5 percent below the engineer’s correct estimate.

It was determined that Soracco & Sons was the lowest and most responsive bidder for this work and is equipped to perform this type of work under a valid California Class “A” General Engineering Contractor’s license. The bid submitted by Soracco & Sons is compliant with the City’s plans and specifications, and is otherwise regular in all respects.

Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council award a construction contract to Soracco & Sons for construction of the project (Attachment A). The completion of construction is anticipated in January of 2014.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE**

This action/project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, since this type of actions/project has been granted a “Categorical Exemption” under Article 19, Sections 15301(b) and 15301(d) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

For FY 2013-2014, sufficient funds are available in account 437-7785-670.20-62, Sanitary Pump Station Rehabilitation.

There is no impact to the General Fund, or any other unrestricted fund, from this action.

Attachment A - Construction Contract