

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 13, 2009

TO: Water/Sewer Committee

FROM: Lonnie Thibodeaux, Water Utilities Director

SUBJECT: **RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,210.80 TO SOUTHLAND PAVING INC. OF ESCONDIDO FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSION SAN LUIS REY WATERLINE PROJECT.**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the Water/Sewer Committee recommend that the Utilities Commission recommend that the City Council authorize the award of a contract in the amount of \$194,210.80 to Southland Paving, Inc. of Escondido for the construction of the Mission San Luis Rey Waterline Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

The Mission San Luis Rey area currently has inadequate fire service. Water lines in Mission Avenue and El Camino Real are not connected, leaving the area in between dependent on wells to provide all water. Infrastructure improvements are needed to provide enough water volume to provide fire flow and to serve the area with water from the City's distribution system.

The Mission San Luis Rey Water Line project was submitted as part of the City's request for 2003 federal appropriations. The City's federal lobbyists, the Ferguson Group in Washington, D.C., were instrumental in locating the appropriate funding source for this project. With their assistance, the City requested \$238,500 from the EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant in the fiscal year 2003 VA-HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriation bill.

In April 2003, the EPA notified the City that the project had received funding from the EPA's fiscal year 2003 Appropriation of up to \$238,500, with a requirement of at least \$195,136 in matching funds from the City. In June 2003, the Water Utilities Department applied for the EPA Appropriation grant for the design and construction of the waterline that would serve the Mission San Luis Rey area. Approval of the grant request was received in September 2003.

Since this time the City has been in negotiations with the State Historic Preservation Office to complete the required Section 106 consultation for the project. This consultation was required before the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) could be completed with all parties since the findings of the Section 106 consultation must be incorporated into the MOA. The consultation was completed in the fall of 2006. On January 17, 2007 the City Council approved the grant funds and authorized the execution of the MOA.

In 2008, exploratory excavations were completed along with the preparation of a Historical Properties Treatment Plan (HPTP) in compliance with the MOA. The Mission and Parish have also granted the City the appropriate utility easements in conjunction with the waterline project.

ANALYSIS

On March 26, 2009, thirteen bids were received and opened for the Mission San Luis Rey Waterline Project (Exhibit B). The apparent low bidder was Southland Paving Inc. of Escondido with a bid of \$194,210.80. Staff has reviewed the bid submitted by Southland Paving Inc. and finds that the bid bond and references are in accordance with City standards. The engineer's estimate to construct the project was \$390,229.22.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Mission San Luis Rey Waterline fund (712.857418) has a balance of \$959,484. The total project budget is \$509,102. Therefore, adequate funds are available for the project.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The documents are being reviewed by the City Attorney.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Water/Sewer Committee recommend that the Utilities Commission recommend that the City Council authorize the award of a contract in the amount of \$194,210.80 to Southland Paving, Inc. of Escondido for the construction of the Mission San Luis Rey Waterline Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

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Exhibit A: Site Map
Exhibit B: Bid Results