

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 7

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: September 20, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LIBBY LAKE PUMP HOUSE AND DRAINAGE PUMPS PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO CALL FOR BIDS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for the Libby Lake Pump House and Drainage Pumps project and authorize the Public Works Director to call for bids.

BACKGROUND

During the rainy season, the water level in Libby Lake occasionally rises sufficiently to flood and damage the picnic and playground areas of Libby Lake Park. City maintenance staff uses the lake's aeration pumps to reduce the water level with limited success.

The existing pumps at Libby Lake are enclosed in a dilapidated plywood structure. The pump house and the pumps have been vandalized on several occasions.

On September 7, 2005, the City Council approved plans and specifications for the Libby Lake Pump House and Drainage Pumps project. Bids were opened on January 12, 2006. However, all of the four bids exceeded funds available. Thus, on March 8, 2006, Council rejected all bids. Subsequently, staff and the engineer redesigned the plans and rewrote the specifications to reduce the estimated construction cost.

ANALYSIS

Following heavy rains, days or weeks are needed to lower the water level of the lake sufficiently to allow the public access to the park. Although the existing pumps are designed to provide aeration for the lake, they are not well suited to provide drainage for the lake. This project will replace the pumps with new pumps selected to obtain the best performance for both aeration and drainage. The new pump house is designed to

be aesthetically compatible with the existing picnic structures and provide both security for the pumps and safe working space for staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total estimated project cost, including design, project management, inspection and construction is \$276,000. Sufficient funds in the amount of \$386,855 are available in a combination of the Drainage District-1D and General Capital Project's accounts.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for the Libby Lake Pump House and Drainage Pumps project and authorize the Public Works Director to call for bids.

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