

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: January 7, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Water Utilities Department

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROBERT A. WEESE WATER FILTRATION PLANT SOLIDS HANDLING LAGOONS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION TO CALL FOR NEW BIDS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council reject all bids for construction of the Robert A. Weese Water Filtration Plant Solids Handling Lagoons project; and authorize the City Engineer to call for new bids.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oceanside owns and operates the Robert A. Weese Water Filtration Plant (RWWFP). The current capacity of the RWWFP is 25 million gallons per day (MGD). The source water is conveyed to the plant through San Diego County Water Authority's (SDCWA) aqueduct system. The plant was constructed and placed on line in 1983 as a direct filtration plant. The plant was upgraded in 1996 to include a chlorine contact basin, reservoir, and a regulating structure.

The Project will replace the existing solids handling lagoons and allow the Plant to more efficiently handle solids produced by the Plant processes and store them on-site for removal and offsite disposal.

On September 10, 2014, City Council approved the plans and specifications for the construction of the Robert A. Weese Filtration Plant Solids Handling Lagoons project and authorized the City Engineer to call for bids.

ANALYSIS

On December 2, 2014, one (1) bid was received and opened for the Robert A. Weese Water Filtration Plant Solids Handling Lagoons project. The bid price was twice the engineer's estimated amount. After analyzing the bid, staff is recommending Council to reject all bids. Staff has modified the plans and specifications in order to re-bid the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The engineers estimate for the project is \$2,500,000. The FY 2014/15 CIP budget includes \$4,797,000 in new project funds in account 908125400712. Water Sales and Water Meter Charges for service deposited under Water Fixed Asset Replacement accounts 712.4471.0001 and 712.4471.0003 respectively, are the funding sources. Although this action does not award the project and does not result in expenditures at this time, sufficient funds are available.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The City Council has discretion to reject all bids and re-advertise.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Utilities Commission will receive an update at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 20, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

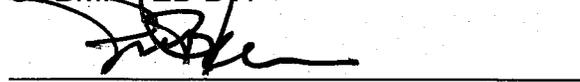
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