

## Memorandum

To: Department of Water Resources

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From: Liz Varner, PE and Michael Taylor, PE

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Subject: Bid Summary for Malaga County Water District – Well 3A and Tank and Request for Additional Funding

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Date: August 3, 2023

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The bid opening for the Malaga County Water District (MCWD) Well 3A and Tank Project was held on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the office of the Malaga County Water District located at 3580 S. Frank Ave, Fresno CA 93725. Six bids were received and opened; we have reviewed the bids and a summary of our review is provided below for consideration by MCWD. A copy of the bid package from the bidders will be provided to MCWD under separate cover.

### **Review of Bid Packages:**

Bids were received from the following contractors: Steve Dovali Construction, Inc., Manito Construction, Inc., Unified Field Services Corporation, Brough Construction, Inc. BMY Construction Group, Inc. and T&S Construction Company, Inc. The bid packages have been reviewed to determine if all required documents were included. The apparent low bidder, Steve Dovali Construction, Inc., included all required bid documents, and is therefore considered the lowest responsive bidder.

### **Evaluation of Bids:**

A summary of the bids received is provided in the attached canvass of bids (**Exhibit A**). The bid documents state that if the total cost of any item or the total Base bid is inconsistent with the Unit Cost, the Unit Cost shall prevail. The bid schedule was reviewed and checked accordingly for mathematical errors. Manito Construction, Inc. Total Base bid did not match the unit cost as unit costs were not provided for Bid items 19 through 60, and therefore is considered unresponsive. The total bid amount provided by Steve Dovali Construction, Inc., did contain an error, the additive unit cost was \$500.50 less than the written base bid. Therefore, Steve Dovali Construction still remains the lowest responsive bidder.

The bid documents state that the project will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder based on the sum of the **base bid**. The total base bid amount received from each bidder is listed below:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid Amount</b>
Grant Budget for Construction	\$3,371,130.00
Steve Dovali Construction, Inc.	\$4,607,284.25
Manito Construction, Inc. <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Unified Field Services Corporation	\$5,392,137.00
Brough Construction, Inc.	\$4,619,176.00
BMY Construction, Inc.	\$7,405,111.50
T&S Construction, Inc.	\$4,901,810.00

1. Manito Construction Bid form was incomplete.

**Add Alternative Bid Items:**

The District would like to add to the project the Add Alternative items A-2 and A-3 if authorized. See the below breakdown of the apparent low bidder Add Alternatives A-2 and A-3:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Add Alternatives Bid Amount</b>
F&I Carport Type Enclosure over Booster Pump Station	\$16,959.00
F&I Cathodic Protection System	\$23,119.00
<b>Total Additive Bid Items A-2 and A-3</b>	<b>\$40,078.00</b>

**Project Budget:**

The construction line item in the original funding agreement totaled **\$4,167,821.00**. This cost included project administration, final design and environmental documentation, contract services, construction administration, construction, and operation and maintenance manual creation. Below is a breakdown of the original funding agreement budget:

<b><i>Current Funding Breakdown</i></b>	
<b>Task 1: Project Administration</b>	\$ 175,960.00
<b>Task 2: Final Design and Environmental Documentation</b>	\$ 132,250.00
<b>Task 3: Contract Services</b>	\$ 29,350.00
<b>Task 4 Construction</b>	
<b>Task 4.1: Construction Administration</b>	\$ 434,461.00
<b>Task 4.1: Construction</b>	\$ 3,371,130.00
<b>Task 4.3: Operations and Maintenance Manual Costs</b>	\$ 24,670.00
<b>Current Funding Agreement Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,167,821.00</b>

Additional funds are needed in order to award the contract to the lowest bidder. Provost and Pritchard sent a preliminary request for funding increase on August 22, 2022 and a follow up on February 3, 2023 to emphasize that construction costs have increased substantially over the

past few years and would not allow the project to proceed as originally described. The response indicated that an increase in budget would not be considered at the time based on estimates, and to submit another request after MCWD receives contracting bids.

The lowest responsive base bid is \$4,607,284.25. All projects have unforeseen challenges during construction, we are requesting an additional \$460,000 for construction contingency.

Once a contract amendment is received, MCWD can be in a place to award a contract, please note that the bids are time sensitive and we need a contract amendment in less than 60 days.

<b>Updated Funding Breakdown based on Bid Results and Scope Amendment</b>	
<b>Task 1: Project Administration</b>	\$ 175,960.00
<b>Task 2: Final Design and Environmental Documentation</b>	\$ 132,250.00
<b>Task 3: Contract Services</b>	\$ 29,350.00
<b>Task 4.1: Construction Administration</b>	\$ 434,461.00
<b>Task 4.2: Construction (Total Base Bid)</b>	<b>\$ 4,607,284.25</b>
<b>Total Additive Bid Items A-2 and A-3</b>	<b>\$ 40,078.00</b>
<b>Total Construction Contingency</b>	<b>\$ 460,000.00</b>
<b>Task 4.3: Operations and Maintenance Manual Costs</b>	\$ 24,670.00
<b>Total Funding Required</b>	<b>\$ 5,904,323.25</b>
<b>Total Additional Funds Needed</b>	<b>\$ 1,736,502.25</b>

**Project Schedule:**

Per the executed funding agreement, "Task 4: Construction" end date is December 29, 2023. Construction schedule noted in the bid documents is 400 days from the date of the Notice of Proceed. It is requested that the schedule get modified to December 21, 2025.

Attachment: Exhibit A, Canvass of Bids

