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# Montecito Sanitary District

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## MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** April 8, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** John Weigold, General Manager  
Bryce Swetek, Engineering Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Awarding the Posilipo Force Main Restoration and Relocation Project Contract – Phase 1

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board discuss and consider:

1. Awarding a contract with Toro Enterprises, Inc (Toro) for their low bid amount of \$186,000 for construction of the relocation of the District’s force main across Oak Creek Bridge, located along S Jameson Ln., to facilitate construction of Caltrans’ Highway 101 HOV Widening Project; and
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the contract and approve expenditures of up to ten percent (10%) of the bid, amounting to \$18,600, to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders for extra work or other scope changes.
3. Determine that this action is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Categorical Exemption 15302 (C) as well as Statutory Exemption 15282 (k) of the Public Resources Code Section 21080.21.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Background** – During the early stages of design of the Highway 101 Sewer Main Relocation project, Caltrans notified Staff of an additional conflict: The District’s northern pipe of our two 8-inch force mains which cross over Oak Creek along S. Jameson, conflicted with Caltrans’ temporary widening work for southbound 101 which is part of their Highway 101 HOV Widening project. The District is still pending a Notice to Owner Letter from Caltrans detailing the conflict of District assets within the Caltrans Highway 101 Widening Project limits.

On February 8, 2023, the Board authorized the General Manager to retain the professional services of MNS Engineers to provide plans, specifications, and construction cost estimate for the project.

**Bidding Process and Results** – District staff issued a request for bids on April 6, 2023 (Attachment 1). There were nine prospective bidders registered for the project. A total of two Addendums were issued, one on April 17, 2023 and the other on April 21, 2023, each refining the scope of work and answering bidder’s questions. The District ultimately received two bids from local companies for the project. The bids received range as follows:

	<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>	<b>Bid Status</b>
1	Toro Enterprises, Inc.	\$186,000.00	Lowest Responsive Bidder
2	Tierra Contracting	\$189,500.00	Responsive Bidder

**Fiscal Impact** – This project was not included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Project budget, however the District has sufficient budget to absorb these costs. Bid results are in alignment with the engineer’s cost estimate.

**Analysis – Justifications** – The low bid of \$186,000.00 submitted by Toro is an acceptable bid that is responsive to and meets the requirements of the bid specifications. District Staff notes Tierra’s bid was responsive, but it was not the lowest bid. District Staff will continue ongoing communications with the County of Santa Barbara and Caltrans to receive approved encroachment permits prior to construction. The change order funding recommendation of \$18,600, or 10%, is typical for this type of work and size of project.

**DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED:** Engineering and Collections

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notice of Inviting Sealed Bids

*(Condensed Notice for Publication)*

**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS**

**POSILIPO FORCE MAIN RELOCATION AND RESTORATION  
PROJECT – PHASE 1  
MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Montecito Sanitary District (“District”) will receive sealed bids, electronically, for its BID NO. 2023-01, *Posilipo Force Main Relocation and Restoration Project – Phase 1* (“Project”), by or before Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. through its PlanetBids portal. All associated documents, including bonding information, shall be submitted with the bid. Bidders must be registered on the District’s PlanetBids™ portal to submit a Bid Proposal and to receive addendum notifications. Each bidder is responsible for making certain that their Bid Proposal is submitted/uploaded with sufficient time to be received by PlanetBids prior to the bid opening date and time. Telegraphic, telephonic, electronic, and facsimile bids will not be accepted. Bidders are responsible for obtaining all addenda from the District’s PlanetBids portal. If any Addendum issued by the District is not acknowledged online by the Bidder, the PlanetBids system may prevent the Bidder from submitting a Bid Proposal. Bid results and awards will be available on PlanetBids immediately following the bid opening date/time.

Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the bid opening date. The date and time for receiving bids shall be extended by no less than 72 hours if the officer, department, or Project Manager issues any material changes, additions, or deletions to the invitation later than 72 hours prior to the bid closing. Any bids received after the time specified above or any extension due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

Project Description: The Project involves the removal of an 8” force main crossing over Oak Creek within Caltrans right-of-way and relocating it within County of Santa Barbara right-of-way. The work includes installation of 8” sewer force main, bridge pipe supports along Oak Creek Bridge, and other appurtenances. The Project site is located near the intersection of S Jameson Lane and Posilipo Lane in Montecito, CA; and within the jurisdictions of Caltrans and the County of Santa Barbara. Posilipo Force Main Relocation and Restoration Project – Phase 2 will be bid out separately.

Project documents for the work are available to prospective bidders through the District’s PlanetBids Portal website at [www.montsan.org/bids](http://www.montsan.org/bids).

In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code § 3300, and Business and Professions Code § 7028.15(e), the contractor and any subcontractors shall be licensed by the contractors’ state licensing board and registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations at the time the contract is awarded. Failure to possess the specified license shall render a bidder’s bid as non-responsive and shall bar award of the contract to any bidder not possessing the specified license at the time of the award.

Pursuant to California Civil Code § 9550, a payment bond is required to be submitted for all projects estimated in excess of \$25,000.00.

The proposed project is a public works project subject to the provisions of Labor Code § 1720 thereby requiring the Contractor to pay the prevailing wage rates for all work performed under the Contract. In addition, the Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with the requirements of Section 1777.5 of the California Labor Code relating to apprentice public works contracts.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

There will be an optional pre-bid site visit on *Friday, April 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.* at the Project Site, near the intersection of S Jameson Lane and Posilipo Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93108. Bidders may attend this pre-bid site visit and is not a requirement for submittal of a bid proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact the District's Engineering Manager, Bryce Swetek, P.E., at [bswetek@montsan.org](mailto:bswetek@montsan.org) or call 805-883-6872.

MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT

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