

Memorandum

Date: June 15, 2017
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to Contract with Pacific Southwest Irrigation for
Butano & Harley Farms Irrigation Efficiency Projects

The RCD recommends **Pacific Southwest Irrigation** to upgrade existing irrigation infrastructure at Butano and Harley Farms in Pescadero, CA. These projects will increase water security for both farming operations and reduce the impacts of stream diversion on instream flows in Pescadero Creek.

These projects will improve instream conditions for Coho salmon and steelhead trout by allowing the farmers at Butano and Harley farms to use less water from Pescadero Creek during critical dry summer months. This will be accomplished through fixing leaky and outdated pipeline infrastructure, upgrading sprinkler fixtures to be high efficiency, and replacing creek pumps with newer variable frequency drive pumps.

A Request for Proposals was distributed to over 24 construction firms and partners on April 10, 2017. Eleven individuals from ten companies participated in the pre-bid site visit on April 17, 2017. Two companies bid on the project.

After checking all references and deliberating with project partners the project team decided that Pacific Southwest Irrigation is the best contractor to complete this project because:

- This was the only company to bid on the Harley Farms Irrigation Efficiency Project, and their materials bid was lower than the engineer's estimate.
- Their materials bid was below the engineer's estimate for the Butano Farms Irrigation Efficiency Project and less than half the cost of the bid from the other proposing company.
- When checking references, the firm received excellent evaluations for similar projects.