

## Memorandum

Date: July 15, 2019  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Kellyx Nelson  
Re: Recommendation to Contract with Storesund Construction for installation of a new irrigation system at Carpy Ranch in Pescadero

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RCD staff recommends contracting with Storesund Construction for the construction of a new irrigation system at Carpy Ranch for an amount not to exceed \$457,000.

This is the second phase of the Pescadero Creek Streamflow Improvement Project at Carpy Ranch<sup>1</sup> and will enable the new 15.9-acre foot (AF) agricultural water storage reservoir that was built in summer 2018 to be used as designed. The irrigation system and reservoir are part of the RCD's effort to add water security for local farms and enhance streamflow in Pescadero Creek for anadromous fish and other riparian species.

Carpy Ranch is in Pescadero, northwest of the junction of Stage Road and North Street (see site map) bordering Bradley Creek on the eastern edge of the property and Pescadero Creek to the south. The ranch encompasses several hundred acres of coastal agricultural grassland. Current agricultural uses of the ranch include cattle grazing, growing hay, and growing pumpkins. Installation of the new irrigation system will allow Carpy Ranch to utilize the newly built reservoir and cease diversions from the creek during the dry season (August-October), allowing critically important instream flow to remain in Pescadero creek.

A Request for Bids (RFB) was sent on September 24, 2018 to eight firms and posted on the RCD's website. No bids were received. A new RFB was distributed to six different firms on November 5, 2018 and posted on the website. Only one contractor bid, but then withdrew the bid before it was brought to the board of directors due to the contractor's concerns with burdens posed by labor compliance requirements and the long amount of time for payment due to delays in State payments for this grant funded program. RCD staff then reached out individually to four firms (one was included in the first round RFB). Only one was firm was interested and available: Storesund Construction. Storesund Construction's bid was within

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<sup>1</sup> Phase 1 contract for Campbell Grading, Inc. was approved by the Board of Directors in April 2018 under the name "Creek Streamflow Enhancement Project, Carpy Ranch. "

budget, they have successfully completed other projects for the San Mateo RCD, and they have experience with irrigation systems. The firm has excellent references, experience with labor compliance, and is aware that payments from the funder can take six to nine months on average.

# Site Map

## Carpy Ranch Project Site

Created By: Jarrad Fisher  
Date: 10/10/2017



