
Memorandum

Date: March 19, 2020
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to contract with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc. for construction of Old Haul Road: Dark Gulch Crossing Stabilization Project in Pescadero Creek County Park

RCD staff recommends contracting with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,131,277 to stabilize a large failing creek crossing, install a culvert on Old Haul Road at Dark Gulch, a tributary to Pescadero Creek, and make drainage improvements along two miles of Old Haul Road. All work will take place in Pescadero Creek County Park in Loma Mar.

This project will prevent chronic and future soil erosion and sedimentation, and will improve habitat conditions and water quality in the Pescadero-Butano watershed for the benefit of native fish and other riparian species. Stabilizing the crossing will also significantly reduce the current risk of a catastrophic road failure, resulting in safer access for recreation, administrative and emergency purposes for San Mateo County Parks Department (Parks) and CAL FIRE. This project will be funded by Parks (75%) and the State Water Resources Control Board through a U.S. EPA Clean Water Act section 319 grant for the 2019 Nonpoint Source Grant Program (25%).

A Request for Bids was distributed to eight contractors on January 17, 2020. Five contractors attended the pre-bid tour on January 29, 2020. Attendance at the pre-bid tour was not mandatory, but strongly recommended. Four bid packages were received, which were complete and received by deadline. Two of the four had attended the pre-bid meeting. The bid amounts were \$4,274,565; \$2,888,900; \$2,131,276; and \$1,995,300.

The two lower bids were from firms that were also determined by RCD staff and partners to be the most qualified, and were also the two bidding firms that had attended the pre-bid tour. Based on the bid packages and information from references, RCD staff and project partners determined that both firms were highly qualified and capable. The bids were similar in terms of cost and the firms' capacity, experience, and excellent references. To identify the bid and firm that would be the best fit for the project, both bidders were asked the same questions to provide additional information regarding their planned equipment and crew and approach for construction (overall and for certain key tasks) for the project; a high-level construction schedule; and additional details about a similar project that they had completed.

After reviewing this information, project partners and RCD staff each recommended L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. to complete this project based on the firm's:

- larger capacity in terms of equipment and crew which is better suited to the scope and scale of the project; and
- proposed construction approach and schedule which appear better able to accommodate foreseeable issues with excavation and fill placement that may occur with this project.