



## Memorandum

Date: June 16, 2022  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Kellyx Nelson  
Re: Recommendation to contract with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc. for Construction of Mindego Creek Fish Passage Project

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RCD staff recommends the board of directors approve contracting with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc. to construct Mindego Creek Fish Passage Project) for an amount not to exceed \$354,116.33.

The project will remove a barrier to migration for federally threatened steelhead trout and federally endangered coho salmon, restoring access to 5 miles of habitat on Mindego Creek. The project is located on Mindego Creek, approximately 0.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Alpine Creek, the main tributary to San Gregorio Creek. The barrier consists of a 6-foot-high concrete dam, fish ladder, and water diversion infrastructure. The existing fish ladder is prone to clogging, which frequently renders it impassable to fish. The hydraulic drop over the dam is a complete barrier to passage when the ladder becomes clogged. The project will remove the dam and fish ladder, reconstruct approximately 300 feet of channel, incorporate elements like large wood to enhance creek complexity and create fish habitat features, and maintain a functional diversion for the landowner that is safe for fish.

A Request for Bids was released on May 2, 2022. It was distributed to 28 qualified firms, five trade journals, posted on the RCD's website, and published in the Half Moon Bay Review. Ten firms attended a mandatory pre-bid site tour on May 11, 2022. Three firms submitted bids, which were opened during a public bid opening on June 7, 2022. All three were deemed complete and submitted by the deadline. L.D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder.

RCD staff recommends contracting with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc. for the following reasons:

- The firm was the lowest cost responsible bidder.
- The bid package was complete.
- The firm provided good references, has successfully completed projects with the RCD in the past, and has over 50 years of experience working in sensitive habitats.



## Mindego Creek Fish Passage Project Location

