

## Memorandum

**Date:** March 21, 2024  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Kellyx Nelson  
**Re:** Notice of contract amendment with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. for the Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain and Streamflow Enhancement Project

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The RCD is amending its contract with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. (Giacomini) to complete implementation of the Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain and Streamflow Enhancement Project.

Giacomini completed the floodplain enhancement components of the project in summer 2023 and will be completing the streamflow enhancement components in summer 2024. Both components were funded and permitted as a single project and the RCD board of directors approved contracting with Giacomini for both components of the work in June 2023 (Appendix A). The original contract with Giacomini did not include all anticipated work because the streamflow enhancement designs and associated cost estimates were not yet completed. The contract amendment enables completion of the remaining work.

The amendment increases the contract amount by \$1,946,260 based on the completed designs and estimates developed by the project engineer, Storesund Consulting, as well as bid documents submitted by Giacomini on March 8, 2024.

Giacomini was originally selected through a competitive bid process in spring 2023, although a competitive bid is not required for private property per section 4.3.1 of the RCD's Procurement Policy, "Projects on Private Land." Additionally, per section 5.2.2 of the procurement policy, competitive procurement is not required when services are from a contractor who previously satisfactorily performed/provided the work for that project. Giacomini meets these criteria.

Appendix A: Memorandum – Recommendation to contract with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. for the Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain and Streamflow Enhancement Project

## Memorandum

Date: June 1, 2023  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Kellyx Nelson  
Re: Recommendation to contract with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. for the Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain and Streamflow Enhancement Project

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RCD staff recommends the board of directors approve contracting with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. to implement the Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain and Streamflow Enhancement Project. This project will benefit threatened and endangered species and other wildlife, enhance agricultural viability on the land, improve streamflow, and store sediment in support of downstream flood mitigation, implementing the Pescadero-Butano Sediment TMDL, and protecting the dredge project.

Work will include floodplain reconnection, improved channel complexity, and instream low enhancement components, all of which will have direct and indirect benefits to instream and adjacent floodplain and terrestrial habitats. It will create 4.2 acres of stage zero floodplain by lowering the current floodplain surface by as much as several feet, allowing the stream to access the lowered floodplain during winter baseflow conditions. It will place 15 to 20 habitat structures (roughness elements) within the newly created floodplain surface and adds in-channel habitat features, including one engineered logjam and several post-assisted log structures/living riffles to improve complexity and arrest incision.

A Request for Bids was distributed to approximately nine construction contractors and shared publicly via the RCD's website, Half Moon Bay Review, and four trade journals. Six firms attended a mandatory pre-bid site tour. Two of the six firms submitted bids, both by the deadline of May 16, 2023. Bids were opened during a public bid opening held on May 16, 2023 with the following results:

- L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. (\$1,453,279.00)
- Hanford Applied Restoration & Conservation (\$1,978,355.00)

RCD and the consulting engineer for the project reviewed the bid documents and determined that L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. is the lowest cost responsible bidder for the project. L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. has experience working on projects involving creeks, large wood, and restoration. Additionally, the RCD worked with the firm to successfully complete the Dark Gulch Crossing Stabilization Project.

Figure 1. Project Location Map

## Exhibit B Project Site-Scale Map

