

Memorandum

Date: May 21, 2026
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to contract with Teichert Construction for the Johnston Ranch Habitat and Water Supply Improvement Project

RCD staff recommends the board of directors approve contracting with Teichert Construction to implement the Johnston Ranch Habitat and Water Supply Improvement Project. This project will improve streamflow in Arroyo Leon Creek, enhance riparian habitat for wildlife, address chronic erosion issues, and improve water security and drought resilience for the agricultural operations at Johnston Ranch.

The project will expand the capacity of an existing stock water pond and build a new irrigation reservoir to support the agricultural operations at Johnston Ranch while expanding riparian habitat around the existing stock pond, restoring an historic stream channel, and reinforcing a failing embankment and spillway.

A Request for Bids was distributed to approximately 100 construction contractors and shared publicly via the RCD's website, San Mateo Daily Journal, and three trade journals. Fourteen firms attended a mandatory pre-bid site tour. Five of the fourteen firms submitted bids by the deadline of April 30, 2026. Bids were opened during a public bid opening held on April 30, 2026 with the following results:

- Teichert Construction (\$3,567,900)
- Hanford ARC (\$3,968,406)
- Seamair Inc. (\$4,535,705)
- Minerva Construction Inc. (\$5,483,625)
- SR Diversified (6,086,997)

The RCD and the consulting engineer for the project, Waterways, Inc., reviewed the bid documents and determined that Teichert Construction was the lowest cost responsible bidder for the project. Teichert Construction has experience on projects involving water storage and habitat restoration and submitted a comprehensive work plan for the project.

Figure 1. Project Location Map

