
Memorandum

Date: June 2, 2026
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to contract with Fees Trucking & Construction for the Little Butano Creek at Cloverdale Road (Site 190) Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project

RCD staff recommends the board of directors approve contracting with Fees Trucking & Construction to implement the Little Butano Creek at Cloverdale Road (Site 190) Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project. This project will restore fish passage for migration, improve instream habitat, and reduce sediment inputs in Little Butano Creek in the Pescadero-Butano watershed.

The project will restore fish passage by removing concrete drop structures and re-establishing natural channel conditions that allow unimpeded movement of juvenile and adult fish. Instream habitat will be improved through the creation of resting pools, installation of large wood structures, and bank stabilization. Culvert function will be restored by clearing accumulated sediment and improving hydraulic performance under both low- and high-flow conditions. Improving passage at this site will enable threatened and endangered salmonids (Coho and steelhead) to access an additional 0.74 miles of upstream habitat into Butano State Park.

A Request for Bids was distributed on April 17, 2026 to approximately 40 construction contractors and shared publicly via the RCD's website, San Mateo Daily Journal, and three trade journals. Eleven firms attended a mandatory pre-bid site tour. Two of the eleven firms submitted bids by the deadline of May 26, 2026. Bids were opened during a public bid opening held on May 26, 2026 with the following results:

- L.D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc. (\$911,745.19)
- Kevin Fees Trucking & Construction (\$922,137.22)

RCD staff and the consulting engineer for the project reviewed the bid documents and initially determined that L.D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc. (Giacomini) submitted the lowest

responsive bid. Giacomini was also the lowest responsive bid to another RCD project going to construction this summer- the combined Wurr Road at Bloomquist Creek (Site 263) Culvert Repair Project and Wurr Road at Peterson Creek (Site 268) Culvert Repair Project. Consequently, Giacomini withdrew its bid for this project due to lack of available construction capacity.

Following this withdrawal, Fees Trucking & Construction is the lowest cost responsible bidder. RCD staff checked references and found that Fees Trucking & Construction has demonstrated experience on projects involving habitat restoration in sensitive environments.

Figure 1. Project Location Map

