

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

July 10, 2006

Subject

Award of Contract – 2005-2006 Storm Drain Improvements Project

Recommendation

Approve the Contract Documents and award the contract for the 2005-2006 Storm Drain Improvements Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Harty Pipelines, Inc., of San Francisco, California, for their bid of \$292,850.00.

Background

The scope of this annual Storm Drain Project is to replace the existing siphon, bubble-up type drainage structures with a complete underground storm drain system. The existing siphon inlets are only connected with short pipes crossing street intersections. The storm water flows by gravity from the upstream inlet to bubble-up at the downstream inlet, and continues its surface flow along the existing curb and gutter until it reaches a proper underground storm drain system. Due to a lack of underground storm drain piping to carry the water away from the area, the inlets store stagnant water that creates a foul odor, and can be a health and safety concern to residents. For this reason, the areas near Hoover and John Gill Schools have been selected as priority improvement areas.

At the bid opening, June 21, 2006, one bid was received from Harty Pipelines, Inc. in the amount of \$292,850.00, which is 12.5% higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$260,300.00 for the cost of construction, and is considered a good and responsive bid.

The reason for such a low bidder turnout is due to the large amount of projects out to bid or currently under construction. California Department of Transportation alone has over 30 projects tentatively scheduled to go out to bid in July. The abundance of projects results in very busy contractors that can be more selective in submitting bids, and higher bid prices. A relatively small project such as this Storm Drain Improvement Project might not be as attractive to potential bidders as larger projects. Therefore, staff believes that rebidding the project will not yield a more competitive price.

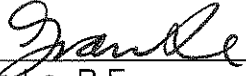
A complete copy of the Agreement is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

Alternative

Reject all bids and delay much needed improvement for the storm drain system for the residents near Hoover and John Gill Schools.

Fiscal Impacts

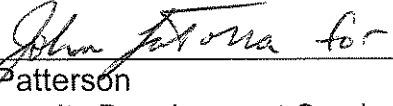
Funds in the amount of \$498,919.85 are available for the Storm Drain Collection System Construction from the Capital Projects Fund.



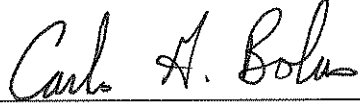
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