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May 26, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
31 May 26, 2020

CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
WORKMAN MILL ROAD LANDSCAPING  
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016340  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
AVOCADO HEIGHTS AND NORTH WHITTIER  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to procure a construction contract for the Workman Mill Road Landscaping project in the unincorporated communities of Avocado Heights and North Whittier.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Construction Division of Public Works for the Workman Mill Road Landscaping project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$800,000 and \$1,075,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on June 23, 2020, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

BIDS: June 23, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.

4. Pursuant to State Public Contract Code, Section 3400(b), find that it is necessary to specify seven landscaping products by specific brand name in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement project that has either completed or in the course of being completed.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Workman Mill Road Landscaping project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$800,000 and \$1,075,000.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Section 4104.5; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to install landscaping and irrigation along both sides of Workman Mill Road from 900 feet south of Coleford Avenue to 1,800 feet south of Valley Boulevard. The project will help prevent graffiti and improve the aesthetics of the community (see Enclosure B).

It is anticipated the work will start in October 2020 and be completed in December 2020.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by supporting ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$800,000 to \$1,075,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,500,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, environmental clearance, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the First Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.

The annual maintenance cost of the landscaping improvements is estimated to be \$36,000. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2020-21, sufficient appropriation will be included in the First Supervisorial District's Annual Transportation Improvement Program in the Road Fund Budget to finance the ongoing maintenance cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion, if the awarding authority makes a finding and language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding. Rainbird, Calsense, and Nibco irrigation equipment in Enclosure A were selected because the project is a continuation of a previous project and new materials need to match the existing materials to maintain system operation and to simplify possible future repairs.

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project to install landscaping and irrigation along an existing street is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15304 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines dealing with minor alterations to land that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and Class 4 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, it is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damages to scenic highways, listings of hazardous waste site lists complied pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will include a best efforts goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents. The "Targeted Worker" component will not be included as part of the project.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with the County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

<http://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-the-county>

<http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises, Social Enterprises and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapters 2.204, 2.205, and 2.211.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by helping prevent graffiti and improving the aesthetics of the community.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

May 26, 2020

**PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016340****Workman Mill Road Landscaping****LIST OF SPECIFIC BRAND NAMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODESECTION 3400**

	<b>Item/Category</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
1	Root Watering System	Rain Bird	RWS-M-BCG02	(Purpose Item #1) Continuation of an existing project.
2	Trickle Bubbler	Rain Bird	1401	(Purpose Item #2) Continuation of an existing project.
3	Trickle Bubbler	Rain Bird	1402	(Purpose Item #3) Continuation of an existing project.
4	Irrigation Flow Meter	Calsense	FM-1.5	(Purpose Item #4) Continuation of an existing project.
5	Irrigation Gate Valve	Nibco	T-113-K	(Purpose Item #5) Continuation of an existing project.
6	Quick Coupler	Rain Bird	44-LRC	(Purpose Item #6) Continuation of an existing project.
7	Remote Control Valve	Rain Bird	PESB-PRS-D	(Purpose Item #7) Continuation of an existing project.

