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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

April 15, 2025

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

31 April 15, 2025

Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001374
MARIE CANYON STORMWATER DISINFECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE
IN THE CITY OF MALIBU
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award a construction contract to Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., for the Marie Canyon Stormwater Disinfection System Upgrade project in the City of Malibu.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find that the recommended actions are within the scope of a previous exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Award and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute a construction contract with Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., in the amount of \$1,646,300 and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for Project ID No. FCC0001374, Marie Canyon Stormwater Disinfection System Upgrade.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project, and related actions, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to execute a construction contract with Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., for the Marie Canyon Stormwater Disinfection System Upgrade project in the City of Malibu (see Enclosure A).

This project includes replacing existing multimedia filters, sand filters, and the ultraviolet system, upgrading mechanical and electrical components of the sump pump, and installing a removable wall. The project will bring the disinfection system to current standards by increasing efficiency to remove stormwater pollutants in dry weather runoff. The upgraded facility will improve the quality of the runoff that will drain into the ocean.

On September 24, 2024, the Board approved the project and delegated to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District the authority to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within the estimated construction cost in the range of \$900,000 and \$1,350,000.

On November 26, 2024, four bids were received (see Enclosure B). Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., was the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid price of \$1,646,300. This bid price exceeded the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's authority to award the project and represents a price 64 percent higher than the original estimated construction cost. Public Works reviewed the low bid and believes it is outside of the estimated construction cost range due to supplier and contractor's challenges in sourcing skilled labor required for the installation of complex sole-sourced items. Public Works does not believe that rebidding the project would result in lower bids.

It is anticipated the work will start in June 2025 and be completed in November 2025.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by replacing and improving public infrastructure assets that support the quality of life of Los Angeles County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The construction contract cost to complete this project is \$1,646,300. The revised total project cost is estimated to be \$3,735,800. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Flood Control District Fund (B07 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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.

Documents related to award of this contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On September 24, 2024, the Board approved an exemption pursuant to Sections 15301 (a) and (b); 15302 (c); 15304 (f); and 15311 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (d), (e), (l), and (m); Class 2 (a), (c), and (e); Class 4 (k); and Class 11 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G for the project. These recommendations are within the scope of the previously approved exemptions from CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The bids were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

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

<https://lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county/>

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

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works offered preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

Public Works received and publicly opened four bids on the solicitation for the advertised project. The responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid identified in Enclosure B was not a certified Local Small Business Enterprise.

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 was considered before making the recommendation to award to Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by bringing the disinfection system up to standard, resulting in increased efficiency in removing pollutants from dry season runoff.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,



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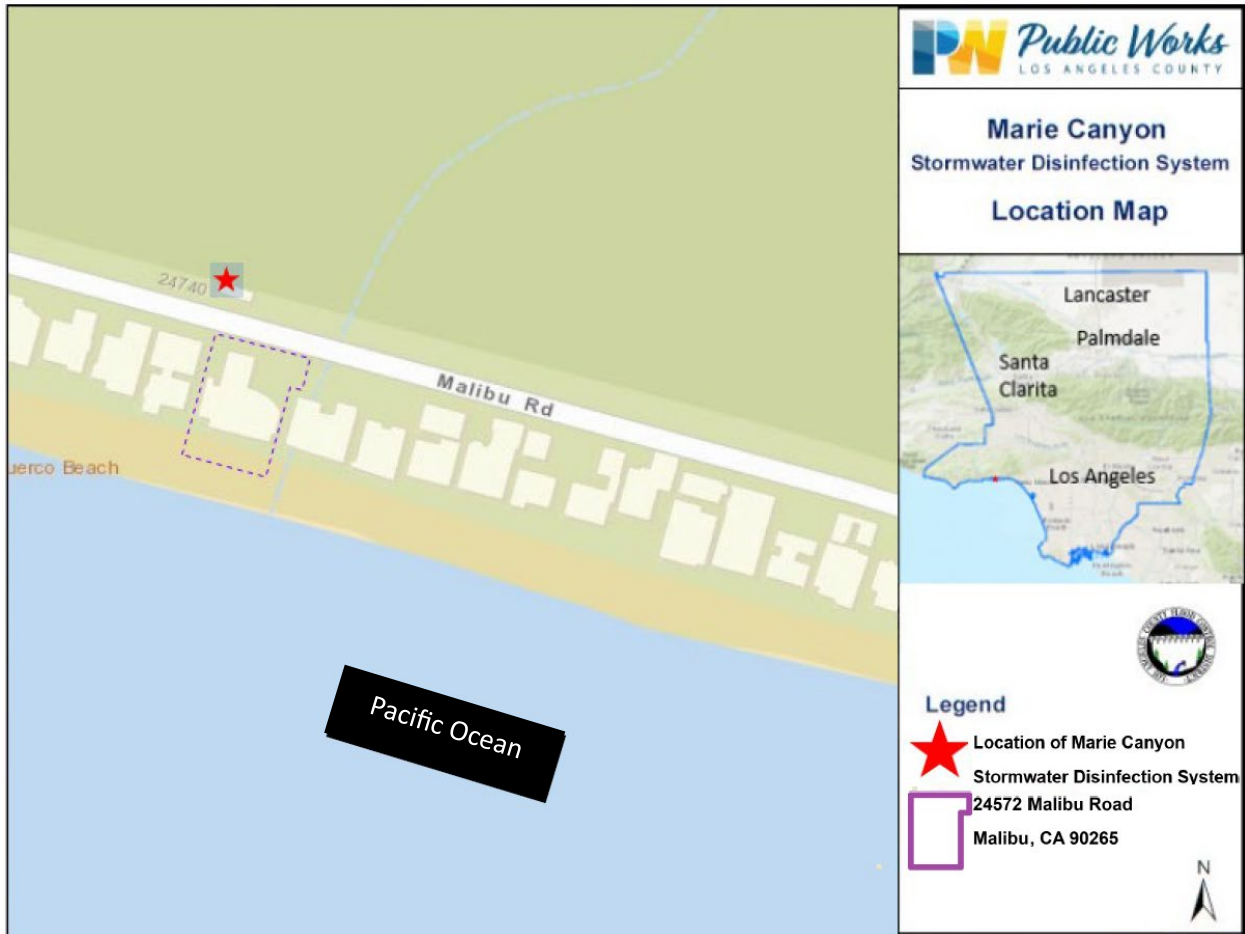
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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Internal Services (Countywide Contract
Compliance)

MARIE CANYON STORMWATER DISINFECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001374



PROJECT NAME: Marie Canyon Stormwater Disinfection System Upgrade
PROJECT ID NO.: FCC0001374
BID OPENING DATE: November 26, 2024

BID SUMMARY

| | Bidder | Bid Amount | Local Small Business Enterprise Certified |
|----|--|-------------------|--|
| 1. | Metro Builders & Engineers Group, LTD 2610 Avon Street Newport Beach, CA 92663 (949) 515-4350 | \$1,646,300.00 | No |
| 2. | Environmental Construction, Inc. | \$1,721,729.00 | No |
| 3. | MMC, Inc. | \$1,984,000.00 | No |
| 4. | Green Building Corporation | \$2,667,400.00 | No |