



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	8/12/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11448 – A Resolution Rejecting all Bids for the Bidwell Street Storm Drain Replacement Project, Project No. 2499
FROM:	Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11448 - A Resolution Rejecting all Bids for the Bidwell Street Storm Drain Replacement Project, Project No. 2499.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The City of Folsom currently owns and maintains a storm drain system along Bidwell Street that collects runoff from portions of Riley Street, Comstock Drive, Wool Street, and Decatur Street as well as adjacent residential and commercial private properties. The storm drain line along Bidwell Street consists of an 18-inch pipe running north to south, joining with a second 18-inch at the intersection of Bidwell Street and Decatur Street, and connecting east. Most segments of the pipe are corrugated metal pipe (CMP).

In 2020, during routine storm drain inspections, the Public Works Department determined that a section of storm drain line along Bidwell Street south of Wool Street had never been constructed, and the line was plugged. During rain events, accumulated runoff bubbles up out of a slotted manhole lid and into the adjacent unpaved roadside ditch. Over the years, this has caused erosion along the edge of the pavement and carried sediment into the next downstream drain inlet located at Decatur Street.

On October 25, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution No. 10937 authorizing a Green Means Go grant application under the Capital category for the Bidwell Street Drainage Improvement Project to address the identified issue. The city received a full grant award from

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and on April 23, 2023, City Council approved Resolution No. 11027 to accept the grant. Acceptance of the \$305,000 fully funded Capital grant award provides funding for the replacement of approximately 500 linear feet of the 18-inch storm drain line, associated manholes, and additional curb and gutter along the length from Wool Street to Decatur Street to prevent any future erosion.

POLICY / RULE

Section 2.36.180, Award of Contracts of the Folsom Municipal Code states, in part, that the City Council may reject any or all bids or proposals when it is for good cause and in the best interests of the city.

ANALYSIS

City staff completed the design of the project and advertised the bid package for construction on Virtual Bid on June 18, 2025, with bid opening on July 9, 2025. The city received only one bid, as summarized below:

- Central Valley Engineering & Asphalt, Inc. \$ 284,969.00

The engineer's estimate of probable cost was \$250,000, and the portion of the grant authorized for the construction phase is \$300,000.

During bid analysis, staff determined that there were issues with the bidding platform that discouraged other contractors from bidding the project. This was the first attempt by the City to utilize Virtual Bid, and the platform was chosen due to its ability to accept electronic bids. Staff believed that the flexibility to allow electronic bids could increase interest from contractors and increase the bidding pool. Unfortunately, while there were other listed plan holders, the city only received one bid. After reaching out to other contractors that have worked with the Public Works Department in the past, several reported that they did not receive the notification through Virtual Bid or associated plan rooms, and other contractors were not able to easily navigate the platform to submit the required forms and information.

Based on this information, staff would like to reject all bids and re-bid the project in September using another bidding platform that has been used successfully in the past.

The Green Means Go grant expenditure date is December 31, 2026, so there is minimal concern of not meeting the delivery deadline even with rebidding the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

While the single bid came in below the authorized grant amount, it was still above the engineer's estimate of probable cost and given the lack of additional bidders, staff recommends rejecting all bids and rebidding the project.

Staff expects to rebid the project in September 2025 and begin construction in the fall.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is a rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and therefore is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301.

ATTACHMENT

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Submitted,

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