



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 25, 2023

PRESENTER: Michael Barajas, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Fiscal Year 23/24 Waste Water Treatment Plant Biolac Sludge Dredging/Hauling to MidCal Dredging, Inc. (MB)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion:

1. Adopt resolution awarding contract for Fiscal Year 23/24 Waste Water Treatment Plant Biolac Dredging/Hauling to MidCal Dredging, Inc., in the amount of \$231,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to sign the contract,
2. By minute order authorize the modification of the Sewer Facilities Construction Fund to \$231,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The FY 23/24 Waste Water Treatment Plant Biolac Sludge Dredging/Hauling is included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and will consist of dredging solids out of the Biolac Pond to an average of 6 to 12 inches from the bottom of pond. Contractor dredging equipment will pump a thick slurry into the City's drying basin. The Project will also include removal and reinstallation of the existing Biolac Aeration System in order for the Contractor to dredge the Biolac Pond. The overall system must remain in operation throughout dredging activities and with a portion of the aeration system to be turned off surrounding the dredge during operations to aid in production.

DISCUSSION:

The City circulated a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the project and received one proposal on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, and the results were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid
MidCal Dredging	\$414,350.00
City's Estimate	\$220,000.00

Staff reviewed the proposal submitted by MidCal Dredging, Inc., along with information regarding previous work experience and has found MidCal Dredging, Inc. to be a responsible contractor. However, the single proposal well exceeded the City's estimate of the work.

Staff reviewed the Request for Proposals language and, specifically, Section X.E. of the RFP, which states:

E. This RFP does not commit the City of Kerman to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal for this request, or to procure or contract for services. The City of Kerman reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with any qualified Contractor, or to modify or cancel in part or in its entirety the RFP if it is in the best interests of the City of Kerman to do so. Furthermore, a contract award may not be made based solely on price.

Given that the City reserved the right to negotiate with any qualified contractor, and because only one proposal was received, Staff was able to reach out to MidCal Dredging to question why their proposal was so much higher than the City's estimate. It was determined that the Contractor had misunderstood the intent of the removal and reinstallation of the Biolac system during dredging and assumed they needed to furnish and install an entirely new Biolac system. Once they understood that the existing system needed only to be removed and reinstalled, they provided an updated proposal in the amount of \$231,000, which matches the City's expectations for the work and is very close to the budgeted estimate. Therefore, Staff recommends an award of contract.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City has budgeted \$220,000 for the project from Sewer Facilities Construction Funds. As previously discussed, the proposed contract is in the amount of \$231,000.00. Staff recommends to amend the Sewer Facilities Construction Fund to \$231,000.00 to meet the changing circumstances of the proposed contract amount.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Not required.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution

Attachment 'A'

RESOLUTION NO. 23-__

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN AWARDING CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 23/24 WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT BIOLAC SLUDGE DREDGING/HAULING PROJECT TO MIDCAL DREDGING, INC.

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Biolac Sludge Dredging/Hauling Project was published in the Kerman News on August 2, 2023, and posted on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Biolac Sludge Dredging within the City of Kerman; and

WHEREAS, the following proposals for the Project were publicly opened at the Kerman City Hall on August 31, 2023:

Contractor	Base Bid
Mid-Cal Dredging, Inc.	\$231,000.00

WHEREAS, the City's estimate was \$220,000.00; and

WHEREAS, after negotiation Mid-Cal Dredging, Inc. and City agreed on a contract amount of \$231,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, the Kerman City Council resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Upon the recommendation of City Staff, the Council approves the contract for the FY 23/24 Waste Water Treatment Plant Biolac Sludge Dredging/Hauling Project with MidCal Dredging, INC., 22052 Everett Avenue, Riverdale, CA 93656 in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty One Thousand and Zero Cents (\$231,000.00). The approved contract is attached as Exhibit 'A' and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a regular meeting held on the 25th day of October 2023, and passed at said meeting by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marci Reyes
City Clerk