



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Award of Contract No. 2033 - Francisco Boulevard East - 2024 Anode Well Replacement Project (D24025) to Farwest Corrosion Control Company
From: Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering
Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: July 16, 2024

TYPE OF ACTION: X Action Information Review and Refer

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 2033, Francisco Boulevard East - 2024 Anode Well Replacement Project, to Farwest Corrosion Control Company in the amount of \$102,515

SUMMARY: This item was reviewed by the District Operations Committee on May 17, 2024, and was referred to a future meeting of the Board of Directors for contract award. The Francisco Boulevard East – 2024 Anode Well Replacement Project will rehabilitate the existing anode well and install a new 11-inch diameter, 41-foot deep cathodic protection well. This project will improve cathodic protection of the water distribution system in the City of San Rafael.

DISCUSSION: The Francisco Boulevard East - 2024 Anode Well Replacement Project is a component of the District’s Capital Improvement Program. This project is for furnishing labor, materials and equipment for the rehabilitation of an existing 40-foot deep cathodic protection well that was installed in 1965 in the City of San Rafael. The District has been coordinating with the County of Marin to install a new cathodic protection anode well in accordance with the County’s regulations. In order to install the planned well in-place, the existing well must be over-drilled at least 1 foot deeper and 1 to 2 inches larger in diameter.

The new anode well will be installed in-place to avoid interference with existing underground utilities present in the vicinity. Magnesium anodes are used to protect the District’s infrastructure by preventing corrosion. Corrosion to District pipelines in this area is expected due to the sodium rich San Francisco bay mud. After many decades in service, the anodes deplete more rapidly, reducing their ability to provide cathodic protection. This anode well is over 59 years old and is due for replacement.

The District received (2) two bids for the project prior to the 10:00 am July 2, 2024 bid opening. However, only one bid package was publicly opened in the Board Room at 10:00 a.m. on the bid

opening date. A second bid package was received by staff at the District’s warehouse located at 220 Tamal Vista, rather than that at the 220 Nellen Offices, as stated on the bid instructions despite bidder listing the 220 Nellen location on the bid package. The correct date and time of delivery was confirmed by the United Parcel Service (UPS) tracking system. On July 3, 2024, after the bid opening, the second bid was redirected to and received by the Office of the Engineering Director, and staff reviewed the bid package for correctness and found the bidder to have complied with all bidding instructions. Staff also determined that the delivery error to the wrong District facility, which was made by UPS, was not a result of any error by the bidder nor did it provide the bidder any competitive advantage in the bid process. Thus, staff determined that Farwest Corrosion Control Company submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$102,515. The bid results for the Francisco Boulevard East – 2024 Anode Well Replacement Project can be found in Table 1.

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 2033 to Farwest Corrosion Control Company in the amount of \$102,515 and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract as well as any necessary amendments to Contract No. 2033, which do not exceed \$10,000 in total.

Table 1

Bid Results

Francisco Boulevard East – 2024 Anode Well Replacement Project

Bid Rank	Contractor Name	Bid Amount
1.	Farwest Corrosion Control Company	\$102,515
2.	American Construction and Supply, Inc.	\$118,443

Engineer’s Estimate: \$165,000

Summaries of the estimated project costs and schedule are provided below.

Budget:

Contract Award:	\$102,515
Contingency (10%)	\$10,000
Materials Fees:	\$1,000
District Labor/ Inspection:	\$15,000
Total Budget	\$128,515
Budget Category:	A1A01

Project Implementation:

Project Advertisement:	June 13, 2024
Bid Opening:	July 2, 2024
Project Award:	July 16, 2024
Estimated Completion Date:	October 14, 2024
Duration:	90 days

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Director of Engineering has found that the Project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section 15302 (c), Replacement of Reconstruction. The project qualifies for exemption pursuant to Section 15302 (c)

inasmuch as it is the replacement of existing cathodic protection equipment involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost to complete the Francisco Boulevard East – 2024 Anode Well Replacement Project is estimated at \$128,515, inclusive of District Labor, materials and contingences. Funding for this project is included in the Adopted 2 year Capital Improvement Budget (FY 2023-25).

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Site Map
- 3. Draft Notice of Exemption

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Engineering		
	Alex Anaya Engineering Director	Ben Horenstein General Manager