



## **CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT**

### **MEETING DATE: May 20, 2025**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Paul W. Rabo, City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** City Council discussion and possible action to award a construction contract for the Walker Street Well (Discussion/Action)

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

In September 2021, the City of Orland began working with the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to lay out, design, and construct improvements to the City's water system. The primary goal for the project is to supply residents, inside and outside of City Limits, with a safe and reliable source of drinking water. The proposed project improvements include a new municipal groundwater well, water storage tank, water mains, fire hydrants, and residential water services.

Phase 3 of the project is located at the west end of Walker Street, adjacent to Interstate 5. Phase 3 was divided into two parts, A and B. Phase 3A included drilling and installing the well casing. Phase 3B includes equipping the existing well and connecting to the City's existing water system, installing a well house, a chlorine disinfection system, associated electrical work, and site work including fencing and asphalt pavements.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

A total of four bids were received from contractors. The Notice to Bidders described two different options in which the construction contract could be awarded:

- Bid Schedule 1 – Bid Items 1 – 19
- Bid Schedule 2 – Bid Items 1 – 20

Bid Schedule 2 includes the installation of a natural gas backup generator to provide power to the well in the event there is a power outage. All of the City's existing well sites include a backup generator.

Please see the attached Bid Summary for a description of the bid schedules and results. The engineer's estimated construction costs of the project ranged from \$1.8M to \$2.1M. Staff has evaluated the bids and determined the lowest responsible bidder to be SnL Group, Inc. (SnL) with a bid of \$1,249,000.00 for Bid Schedule 1 and \$1,412,000.00 for Bid Schedule 2. SnL has successfully completed similar and other water system projects in Lewiston, Redding, and Williams with project costs ranging from \$700,000 to \$6.6 M.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1) Staff recommends the City Council award a construction contract for Bid Schedule 2, for the Walker Street Well project, to SnL Group, Inc.; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and all other documents necessary to complete the project.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:**

The improvement plans, specifications, contract documents, and engineer's estimate were prepared by DWR's design consultant and funded by DWR.

The project costs incurred for construction, construction engineering, inspection, and administration are being funded by a DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant. Project costs in excess of the provided DWR funding shall be paid by the City. The City currently has \$4.86M in the Water Fund.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Bid Summary - Orland Emergency Groundwater Resource Project – Phase 3B (April 29, 2025)