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June 2, 2026

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action to Award the Construction Contract for the Fern Street Lift Station Earthquake Damage Repair to Sequoia Construction, the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, in the Total Amount of \$466,339.00; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract Documents in Coordination with the City Attorney and Future Change Orders.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to:

Award the Construction Contract for the Fern Street Lift Station Earthquake Damage Repair to Sequoia Construction, the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, in the Total Amount of \$466,339.00; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract Documents in Coordination with the City Attorney and Possible Future Change Orders; or,

Take no action.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Fern Street Lift Station sustained earthquake damage and requires repair. The project is funded through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) administered by CalOES, which covers 75% of eligible project costs. GHD was retained to manage the design and bidding process on behalf of the City.

The project was structured with a Base Bid covering all work necessary to replace the above-grade lift station structure, including new HVAC and electrical equipment, and repairs to the below-grade wet well. An Additive Bid was included for placement of a new wet well liner. The additive item is not eligible for CDAA funding and, if awarded, would be funded through City funds.

GHD opened bids electronically on May 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Three bids were received as summarized below:

Bidder	Total Bid Amount
Sequoia Construction (Apparent Low Bidder)	\$466,339.00
Wahlund Construction	\$499,378.00
Mercer Fraser Company	\$591,000.00

GHD reviewed the bids for responsiveness and responsibility in accordance with the Bidding Requirements.

- Responsive: All required bid forms submitted by Sequoia Construction were found to be complete, with no irregularities that would confer a material advantage.
- Responsible: GHD confirmed that Sequoia Construction holds an appropriate active contractor's license with the California Contractors State License Board, that both Sequoia and its listed subcontractors have active DIR registrations with the Department of Industrial Relations, and that the firm is not debarred from public bidding per SAM.gov.

Based on this review, Sequoia Construction is determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Bid Item	Funding Source	Amount
Base Bid – Lift station structure, HVAC, electrical, wet well repairs	CalOES/CDAA (75%)	\$416,339.00
Additive Item A1 – Replace Wet Well Liner	City Funds	\$50,000.00
Total Contract Amount		\$466,339.00

Following City award of the contract, GHD will issue the Notice of Award to Sequoia Construction. The contractor will then be required to provide bonds and certificates of insurance within ten (10) calendar days. Upon review of those documents, GHD will prepare the contract forms and Notice to Proceed for City execution.

The total contract amount is \$466,339.00. The Base Bid of \$416,339.00 is eligible for 75% CDAA reimbursement through CalOES. Once the project is complete, the City will make application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the City's 25% share to be waived and have the State provide full 100% reimbursement. The Additive Item A1 (wet well liner replacement) of \$50,000.00 will be funded entirely by City funds, as it is not eligible for CDAA reimbursement.

Attachment:

Memorandum from City Engineer, GHD.

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