



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

PROCUREMENT AGENDA ITEM

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Meeting 25-15
May 28, 2025

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Award of a Construction Contract for the Big Dipper Culvert Repair Project in Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Old La Honda General Engineering of La Honda, CA for a not-to-exceed base contract amount of \$86,893.
2. Authorize a contingency of 15% in the amount of \$13,034 to be reserved for unanticipated issues, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract to \$99,927.

DISCUSSION

The winter storms of 2022/2023 resulted in damages to an existing ditch relief culvert along Big Dipper Ranch Road, an unpaved road located in the Big Dipper Ranch area of Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve. In 2023, the repair of these damages was included in the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (District) funding request to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the District received project obligation through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2024. In 2024, District staff contracted with Sherwood Design Engineers to provide an engineering assessment and design services for the culvert repair. District staff issued a Request for Bids on April 14, 2025 and received six (6) bids on May 6, 2025 with Old La Honda General Engineering identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Work is scheduled to begin in Summer 2025 and be completed in Fall 2025. The scope of work for the construction contract includes the following items:

- Removal of failed 18-inch CMP culvert
- Installation of new 18-inch CMP culvert and new energy dissipator located downhill from the original culvert outfall location
- Stabilization of the overlying failed road
- Placement of permanent engineered fill and installation of long-term erosion control

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT

The current fiscal year budget contains:

- ☒ sufficient funds.

- ☐ insufficient funds; the next quarterly budget update will include a reallocation of unspent funds from other project budgets to cover for this expenditure.
- ☐ insufficient funds; approval of this item requires a fiscal year budget augmentation.
- ☒ future fiscal year budgets will include additional funds to complete the contracted work.

Measure AA

- ☒ No, this contract is not part of a Measure AA project.
- ☐ Yes, this contract is part of a Measure AA project.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND SELECTION

A Request for Bids (RFB) was issued on April 14, 2025 via BidNet, legal notices were posted in the newspaper, and a link to the solicitation was posted on the District website. Site visits were held on April 23, 2025 and April 29, 2025 with a total of 6 firms in attendance. The District opened the bids on May 6, 2025 and announced Old La Honda General Engineering as the apparent low bidder. The General Manager recommends the award of contract to Old La Honda General Engineering as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

The detailed breakdown of bids received is as follows:

Bidder	Location	Total Bid	% Difference from Cost Estimate of \$140,000
Old La Honda General Engineering	La Honda, CA	\$86,893	-38%
L.D. Giacomini Ent. Inc.	Ukiah, CA	\$123,230	-12%
Irish Excavation	Morgan Hill, CA	\$123,952	-11%
George Bianchi Construction	San Jose, CA	\$126,520	-10%
Half Moon Bay Grading & Paving	Half Moon Bay, CA	\$130,750	-7%
Blue Mule Engineering & Building	La Honda, CA	\$151,000	8%

PRIOR BOARD ACTION SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

August 9, 2023- Board Authorization of FEMA Agreements for Federal Assistance Funding ([R-23-82](#), [minutes](#))

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Section 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the District has determined that the Project is consistent with the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Open Space Maintenance and Restoration Program (Program)

(SCH #2021080129), adopted by the Board on September 22, 2021 (Resolution No. 21-32). The Program covers three general categories of activities: (1) routine maintenance activities; (2) small-scale facility improvements; and (3) restoration and enhancement activities. The Program identifies repair and replacement of roads and driveways under the Routine Maintenance category. The proposed culver repair involves the repair of drainage infrastructure that is part of an existing interior preserve road.

The District has determined that the proposed culvert repairs as described herein are consistent with the activities and determinations established in the Program IS/MND for the Open Space Maintenance and Restoration Program and would not result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts, nor would the Project require additional mitigation measures.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the General Manager will enter into a contract with Old La Honda General Engineering to complete the Big Dipper Ranch Culvert Replacement Project. Final contract signature is subject to meeting all District requirements, such as having all required insurance and bonding in place. Work is estimated to commence in June 2025 and will be completed by September 2025.

Attachment(s)

1. Attachment 1 – Site Map

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Attachment 1 - Site Map

Stream

- Perennial
- Intermittent

Culvert

- Present
- Proposed

Removed

Abandoned

Trail

- Unpaved All-Season Road
- Unpaved Seasonal Road
- Abandoned / Unmaintained Road

Road Centerline

- Major Arterial
- Coastside Protection Area

District Boundary

- District Boundary
- County Boundary
- Preserve Boundary

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