



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

R-25-145
Meeting 25-30
November 12, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 8

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Reject All Bids for the La Honda Creek Agricultural Water Development Project in La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Reject all bids received for the La Honda Creek Agricultural Water Development Project.
2. Authorize the General Manager to re-solicit bids.

SUMMARY

The purpose of the La Honda Creek Agricultural Water Development Project (Project) is to develop an agricultural water distribution system that replaces an existing creek diversion within the Harrington Ranch area of La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve to continue supporting the Conservation Grazing Program while protecting creek flows and riparian habitat. The scope of work includes the installation of solar well pumps, a solar power array, 1,500 feet of water distribution lines with connections and valves, and a wireless water monitoring and pump control system. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) staff issued a Request for Bids on September 11, 2025 and received two (2) bids on October 9, 2025, with both bids coming in approximately 180% over the engineer's estimate. Since the lowest responsive and responsible bid is significantly higher than the engineer's estimate, the General Manager recommends rejecting all bids and re-soliciting the bids. Work is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2026 and the schedule will not be impacted by re-soliciting bids.

DISCUSSION

On September 11, 2025, staff issued a Request for Bids for the LHC Agricultural Water Development Project. A mandatory pre-bid site tour was held on September 18, 2025 and attended by four (4) contractors. Two (2) contractors submitted bids by the bid opening deadline of 11:00 am on October 9, 2025. The apparent low bidder, Bhogal Brothers Construction, Inc., submitted a bid of \$124,540. The low bid from Bhogal Brothers is 177% higher than the engineer's estimate of \$45,000, which was developed based on recent similar District projects.

As a result, the General Manager recommends rejecting all bids and re-soliciting new bids. Public Resources Code section 5594 provides that the Board may reject all bids for any purpose and re-advertise. Since the work cannot be completed until after the rainy season, there is no schedule impact to re-solicit the Project.

Solicitation Results

The District publicly opened the bids on October 9, 2025. The detailed breakdown of bids received is as follows.

Bidder	Location	Total Bid	% Over/Under Engineer's Estimate
Bhogal Brothers Construction, Inc.	Hayward, CA	\$124,540	+177%
Con-Quest Contractors, Inc.	Burlingame, CA	\$126,950	+182%

FISCAL IMPACT

None

PRIOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE REVIEW

July 15, 2018: Board approval to update the Water Resources Section of the Resource Management Policies. The updated Policy directs staff to explore alternate water sources to replace existing stream diversions ([R-18-92](#), [meeting minutes](#)).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article 19, Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the General Manager will reject bids and re-bid the Project, expecting to return to the Board with consideration of an award of contract in April 2026.

Attachment(s)

1. Well Location Area Map

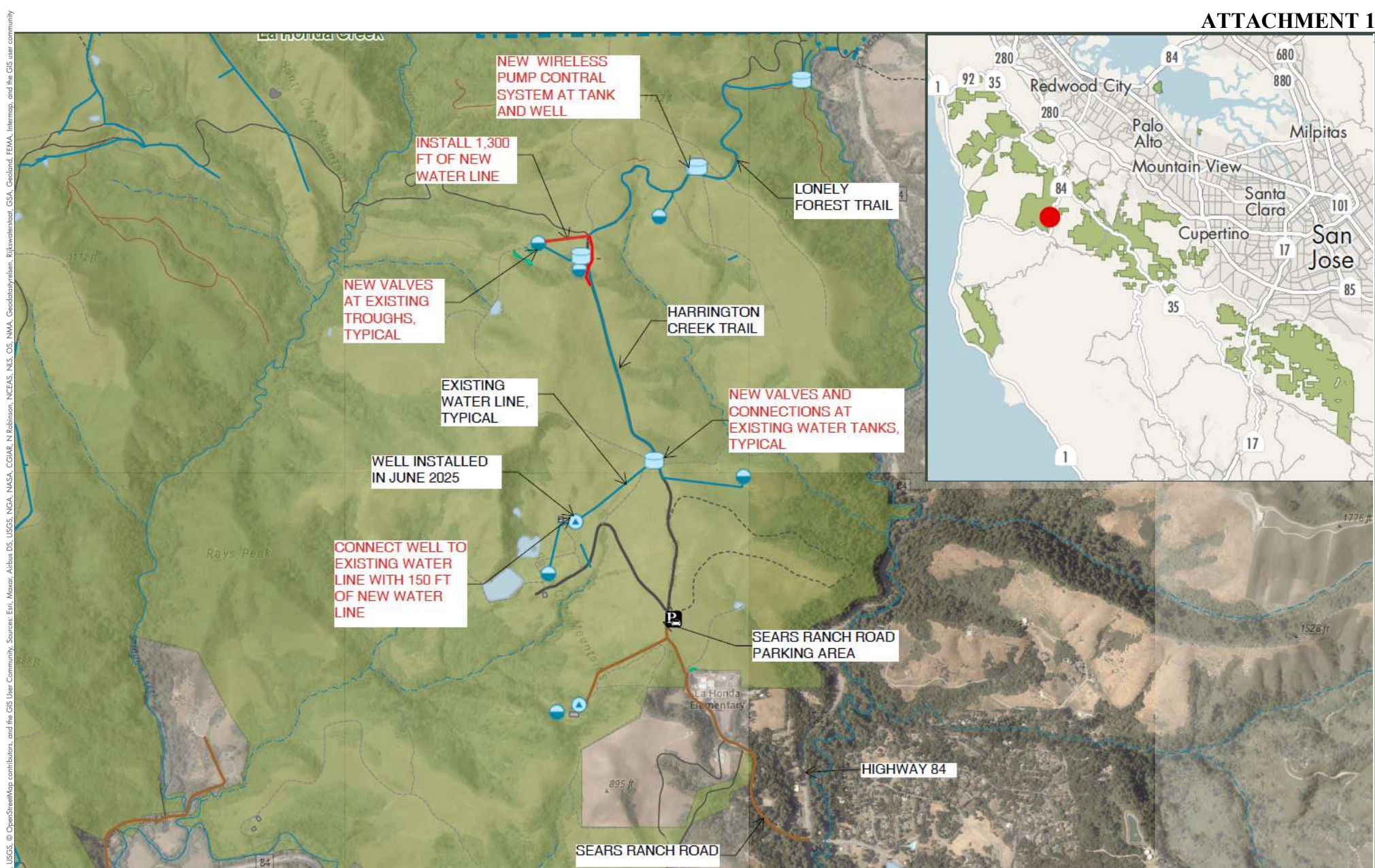
Responsible Department Head:

Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager

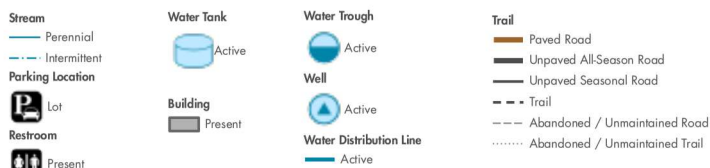
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LHC Agricultural Water Development Area Map



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