



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

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## **AGENDA ITEM 6**

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Award of Contract with T.K.O General Engineering and Construction, Inc., for the Big Dipper Ranch Roads Project at Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Find that the District, acting as a responsible agency, has reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the California Department of Fish and Game as lead agency, and concurs with the findings therein with respect to the project.
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with T.K.O. General Engineering and Construction, Inc., for a bid amount of \$148,650 plus a 20% contingency, for a total amount not to exceed \$178,380, to complete the Big Dipper Ranch Roads Project at Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve.

### **SUMMARY**

The Request for Bids for the Big Dipper Ranch Roads Project was released on April 13, 2011. Eight (8) Bid Proposals were received and opened on Friday, May 27, 2011. Evaluation of the bids revealed that the apparent low bidder T.K.O General Engineering and Construction, Inc., presented a complete bid package and is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Therefore, staff recommends awarding the contract for the Big Dipper Ranch Roads project to T.K.O General Engineering and Construction, Inc., for the total amount of \$178,380, which includes a 20% contingency amount of \$29,730. The requested contingency is justified given the project complexities (i.e. many of the project sites are failing, some material to be removed is difficult to reach; there is the potential for unknown material in fills, and grading volumes are estimated for areas that are buried, with uncertain dimensions). Additionally, biological issues related to sensitive species could emerge that may alter the anticipated project schedule or that may require additional work from the contractor.

## DISCUSSION

### Background

In June of 2008, the Board approved entering into a grant agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to provide funding assistance to complete the Big Dipper Ranch Road Project (see Report R-08-79). The project involves watershed restoration activities within the Big Dipper Ranch portion of the Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve.

Project work will be completed using heavy equipment and hand labor. Benefits of the project include a reduction of sediment from road sources that drain to both Peters and Pescadero Creeks. Both creeks have been identified as important spawning and rearing habitat for the federally-threatened steelhead trout and federally-endangered Coho salmon. Project treatments will follow specifications identified in the CDFG California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual and are designed to meet sediment reduction objectives identified in the Pescadero-Butano Watershed Assessment (Environmental Science Associates, 2004) for both steelhead trout management and Coho salmon recovery.

### Contractor Selection

The bidding process commenced on April 27, 2011. Bid packages were sent to 29 contractors and five (5) local builders' exchanges. A legal notice was posted in the Half Moon Bay Review and San Mateo County Times and an Invitation to Bid was posted on the District website. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on April 27, 2011, and was attended by 11 contractors. Sealed bids were due on May 27, 2011 and eight (8) bids were received as shown below, with T.K.O General Engineering and Construction, Inc., announced as the apparent low bidder:

Bidder	Location	Total Bid	Percent Difference from Cost Estimate of \$185,000
1. TKO General Engineering and Construction, Inc	Woodside	\$148,650	-20%
2. Golden State General Engineering	San Jose	\$154,400	-16%
3. Conley General Engineering	Santa Cruz	\$194,000	+4%
4. Grade Tech, Tnc.	Castro Valley	\$221,100	+19%
5. Gecko Golf Construction	San Ramon	\$229,950	+24%
6. Redwood Engineering Construction	Redwood City	\$237,444	+28%
7. Stoloski & Gonzalez, Inc.	Half Moon Bay	\$245,250	+32%
8. W.R. Forde Associates	Richmond	\$451,500	+144%

Staff has thoroughly examined the bid proposals submitted, reviewed prior work experience, and has checked references to verify that the selected contractor is a responsible, qualified bidder with the skill and experience necessary to complete the Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The project budget of \$352,000 has been approved by the Board and is included in the Planning Department FY2011-12 budget. Therefore, sufficient funds exist in the budget for the proposed contract of \$178,380. The remaining project funds will be utilized for property infrastructure improvements (cattle exclusion fencing, new troughs and plumbing), and biological consulting services. Of the approved budget, \$148,473 will be reimbursed by a grant award from the CDFG. The proposed action does not result in an unanticipated increase to the budget.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice for the award of bid was provided as required by the Brown Act. No additional notice is required.

**CEQA COMPLIANCE**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (“MND”) was completed by the CDFG for all projects awarded funding (including the Big Dipper Ranch Roads Project) under the 2008 Fisheries Grant Restoration Program. The District, acting as responsible agency, has reviewed and considered the MND and concurs with the findings therein with respect to the project.

**NEXT STEPS**

If approved by the Board, the General Manager will authorize T.K.O. General Engineering and Construction Inc., to perform construction services for the Big Dipper Ranch Roads Project, which is scheduled for completion during the summer and fall of 2011.

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