



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 9i

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting All Bids Received for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Headworks Concrete Channel Improvements Project, City Project No. 86830, and Authorizing Staff to Revise the Bid Documents and Re-advertise the Project

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution rejecting all bids received for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Headworks Concrete Channel Improvements Project, City Project No. 86830, and authorize staff to revise the bid documents and re-advertise the project.

BACKGROUND

This project involves repairs to the headworks channel at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility. Since this headworks channel conveys sewage, portions of the concrete have deteriorated, exposing the reinforcing steel. If left unaddressed, the prolonged exposure of the steel rebar could compromise the structural integrity of the headworks channel. The planned work will include concrete rehabilitation and application of protective coatings within the headworks channels, replacement of various isolation gates and plates, replacement of a primary effluent plug valve and flanged coupling adapter, and the installation and subsequent removal of a temporary bypass pumping and screening system to convey raw sewage around the facility during construction. Additional appurtenant work will also be completed as needed to return the rehabilitated headworks facility to full operation.

DISCUSSION

The project was advertised for bids on July 24, 2025, with the bid opening conducted on August 19, 2025. The City received two bids ranging from \$2,854,880 to \$3,317,200. Con-Quest Contractors, Inc. submitted the apparent low bid in the amount of \$2,854,880.

Upon reviewing the bid packages and the specification documents, staff determined that the project plans and specifications should be revised to provide greater clarity on the requirements for relevant experience and references, which may result in increased competition and lower bid prices. Staff will revise the bid documents prior to re-advertising the project for bids. It is

recommended that City Council reject all bids and authorize staff to re-advertise the project following these modifications.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with rejecting all bids.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- Bid Summary