



# STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 9e

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2025

**To: Honorable Mayor and City Council**

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**Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting All Bids Received for the Electric Vehicle Charger Installation at the Public Works Corporation Yard, City Project No. 86900, and Authorizing Staff to Revise the Bid Documents and Re-advertise the Project**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution rejecting all bids received for the Electric Vehicle Charger Installation at the Public Works Corporation Yard, City Project No. 86900, and authorize staff to revise the bid documents and re-advertise the project.

## **BACKGROUND**

On May 3, 2021, the City Council adopted the Electric Vehicle (EV) Action Plan (Resolution No. 049-2021), which identifies the Public Works Corporation Yard, located at 1361 N. Carolan Avenue, as a priority site for installing EV charging stations to serve City fleet vehicles. These electric chargers will be primarily for City fleet use, and not for general public use.

City staff is working with PG&E under its EV Fleet Program to secure incentives and rebates. The project scope includes one 50-kilowatt EV charging station, eight 24-kilowatt single-port EV wall-box chargers, switchgear, and associated conduit and wiring.

## **DISCUSSION**

The project was publicly advertised for bids on May 8, 2025, with bid opening conducted on June 12, 2025. The City received seven bids ranging from \$262,100 to \$381,098.

Bhogal Brothers Construction submitted the apparent low bid of \$262,100. However, following a thorough review of their bid documents and subsequent correspondence, the firm voluntarily withdrew its bid due to the omission of a major project component.

The second apparent lowest bid, submitted by SCC Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$265,000, was deemed non-responsive. The firm did not meet the minimum contractor qualification requirements related to relevant company experience.

As a result, the third-lowest bidder, Nema Construction, was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, with a bid of \$285,900. This amount is approximately 18% below the engineer's estimate of \$350,000, representing a cost-effective outcome for the City.

However, following the bid opening, Nema Construction informed City staff that the electric vehicle (EV) charging stations specified in the bid documents had recently been discontinued by the manufacturer. In response, the contractor obtained pricing for approved alternative equipment with comparable or slightly higher capacity. Unfortunately, all proposed alternatives were \$65,000 to \$93,000 more expensive than the originally specified equipment, resulting in a significant cost increase. This cost increase exceeds the City's 15% standard contingency allowance and will result in a material change to the overall project scope and cost.

After a comprehensive review of the bid submittals, and in light of the unavailability of the specified equipment and the significant cost implications of acceptable alternatives, staff recommends the following actions:

- Reject all bids received for the project;
- Authorize staff to revise the bid documents to reflect currently available, PG&E-approved EV charging equipment; and
- Re-advertise the project for competitive bidding based on the updated specifications.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- Bid Summary
- Project Location Map