



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/11/2023

File #: 23-940

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Bid Award Authorization for Storm Damage Repairs to Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the bid proposals submitted for the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project;
2. Award the attached project agreement to GR Wilcox Enterprises, Inc., for the total amount of \$706,541.66;
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached project agreement with GR Wilcox Enterprises, Inc., upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and
4. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute contract change orders up to the amount of \$47,827.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Road Fund (1200), Federal Emergency Management Agency, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

DISCUSSION:

On May 16, 2023, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project for bids. On June 13, 2023, the County of Humboldt received three (3) bids for the project, which are attached hereto as Attachment 1.

On reviewing the bid forms, Department of Public Works observed minor computational errors on GR Wilcox Enterprises, Inc.'s bid form, which have been reviewed and corrected in the attached construction agreement.

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors receive and file the bid

proposals submitted for the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project; award the attached project agreement to GR Wilcox Enterprises, Inc., for the total amount of \$706,541.66; authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached project agreement with GR Wilcox Enterprises, Inc., upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute contract change orders up to the amount of \$47,827. This total price reflects the award of both the base bid and the additive option.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected
Budgeted Expenses (1200321-8940)	\$883,195	\$0	\$0
Additional Appropriation Requested	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$883,195	\$0	\$0
Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
Federal Funds (FEMA)	\$662,396	\$0	\$0
State Funds (CalOES)	\$165,599	\$0	\$0
Road Fund (1200321-8940)	\$ 55,200	\$0	\$0
Total Funding Sources	\$883,195	\$0	\$0

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project is being funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Recovery Funds (75%), California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (18.75%), and the Humboldt County Road Fund (6.25%). The total project cost is estimated at \$883,195. The Humboldt County Road Fund will be responsible for \$55,199.69 of the total costs associated with the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project. Expenditure appropriations relating to completion of the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project are included in the adopted fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 Road Fund Budget (1200321-8940).

Projects are paid in arrears with anticipated funding coming from FEMA as mentioned above. The FY 2021-22 Annual Road Report, completed by the State of California, reflected an estimated negative fund balance of \$8.8 million in the county’s Road Fund. Even after allocating nearly \$6.8 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Road Fund in order to reduce the negative fund balance, the current estimated fund balance remains negative by approximately \$11 million.

This negative balance is partially due to the timing of FEMA reimbursements to the county, which can take years for the county to receive repayment. The current total of outstanding repayments is approximately \$11.5 million. The department utilizes other state and local funding, such as Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, for the Humboldt County Road Fund match for reimbursable projects. Despite those additional funding sources, Road Fund projects are underfunded and will very likely have a negative impact on the General Fund if additional revenue sources are not secured.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

Awarding the project agreement for the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project will not impact current staffing levels.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework priority of providing for and maintaining infrastructure .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Federal Emergency Management Agency, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to award the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project to GR Wilcox Enterprises, Inc. However, this alternative is not recommended because the project will replace the failed culvert and restore the roadway using funds that would not otherwise be available to the County of Humboldt

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Results for the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project
2. Construction Agreement for the Telegraph Creek Road (4A150) Post Mile 1.20 Storm Damage Repair Project

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: D-27

Meeting of: May 16, 2023

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