



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Water Improvements 2024 Project - Award

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Kelly Allen, Project Manager

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

1. Declare Mercer-Fraser Company, the preferred bidder on Water Improvements 2024 Project; and
2. Award Bid No. 2024-12 to Mercer-Fraser Company in the amount of \$1,636,636; and
3. Approve \$2,000,000 for construction, which includes approximately 17% for contingency and construction management services.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

- Quality of Life
- Health and Safety

DISCUSSION

The existing water main on Myrtle Ave is cast iron and in very poor condition. Many leak repairs have been required in this section of water main over the years. Cast iron is the oldest water line material still in service, is inefficient and prone to failures. This road will also be paved this summer and new infrastructure will ensure the new pavement surface will not be disturbed.

This project will replace 4,000 lineal feet of water line on Myrtle have from 7th Street to Harrison Avenue. This are will also get new valve clusters, new water services, new meter boxes, fire services. Additionally, unused services will be abandoned.

The City of Eureka, as Lead Agency, has determined the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the Class 1, Existing Facilities (Section 15301) categorical exemption, which exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. The project involves repair and maintenance to the existing water main, sewer main, driving lanes, and bike lane (north side only) on Myrtle Avenue within the existing roadway prism with no expansion of the roadway's existing capacity. The use of BMPs and preparation of an Erosion Control Plan will ensure there are no off-site environmental impacts resulting from the project. As a result, the Lead Agency has also determined that use of the Class 1 categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines. A CEQA Notice of Exemption (attached) was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2024010939) on January 30, 2024, and filed with the Humboldt County Recorder's Office on January 31, 2024.

This project was determined by the City of Eureka and Coastal Commission to be a repair or maintenance activity not resulting in an addition to or expansion of the original facility. Therefore, the project is exempt from State and local coastal development permit (CDP) requirements. Additionally, as requested by the Wiyot Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), all ground disturbing activities are required to be monitored by a tribal monitor, and the standard inadvertent archaeological discovery protocol shall also be followed, as described the City's issued CDP exemption notice.

This project was advertised for bid on January 28, 2024, and bids were opened on February 22, 2024. Three (3) bids were received. Staff reviewed and evaluated the bids and determined the lowest responsible bid to be in conformance with project requirements, see below table for bid summary. Mercer-Fraser Company's proposal was determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bid.

	Mercer-Fraser	G.R. Sundberg	Wahlund
Total Base Bid	\$1,636,636	\$2,540,235	\$1,891,975

Staff has negotiated with the preferred bidder a process that will spread the work across two construction seasons. This will align capital expenditures in the Water Fund with revenue from water rates, maintaining an acceptable reserve balance.

Staff recommends that Council award construction of the Water Improvement 2024 project, Bid No. 2024-12, to Mercer-Fraser Company for the amount of \$1,636,636, and approve \$2,000,000 for construction, which includes approximately 17% for contingency and construction management services.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Services
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Personnel
- Police
- Public Works

Attached: CEQA Notice of Exemption